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RUDI'S REVENGE: I'D COACH FIJI



By
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Flashback to 1978: Australia's new coach is introduced at a Press conference in Melbourne. From left: ASF secretary Brian le Favre, Gutendorf, VSF president Theo Marmaras and VSF secretary George Wallace.

When the Socceroos take the field against Fiji in their World Cup qualifying match next Sunday, coach Les Scheinflug will not see anything unexpected or out of the ordinary in the surroundings.

But he could have got the shock of his life when he glanced over to the opposition bench, for there, he may have seen none other than Australia's former national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

According to the "Jewish Times," the infant terrible of world and Australian soccer was available to take over Fiji's fortunes in the Cup after his inglorious exit from Australia.

The source for this amazing information is Fijian Football Association official Moti Musadilal, who is expected to accompany his country's team to Australia next month.

According to Musadilal, a Suva businessman, Gutendorf telephoned Fijian officials after his break with the ASF, offering his services for a minimal fee.

His call was followed up by telexed confirmation of the offer.

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Hunter or Sharne, Niven or Barnes?

By
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SCHWAB

Les Scheinflug faces two difficult choices in pondering his line-up for the World Cup match against Fiji in Suva on Sunday.

He would love to shift Alan Davidson from left back to midfield, for he believes mid-field is Davidson's true position.

The other two midfielders are Gary Byrne and Peter Katholos.

So if Davidson joined them and if Alan Niven came in as left back, there would be no room for the captain, Murray Barnes, also a midfielder.

The other problems concern three players — Tony Brennan, Peter Sharne and Ian Hunter.

All three are vying for one forward position, with the other two likely to go to Eddie Krncevic and David Mitchell.

Sharne is the senior man, the one who has been an automatic choice for the past few years.

But Brennan's form has been better than Sharne's this year, and the inclusion of this Canberra speedster definitely has strengthened the squad.

But if Scheinflug is to pursue his aim of preparing young players for the world youth championships later this year, then it is Ian Hunter who should get the nod. He would be the fourth youth player in this World Cup team. The



Alan Davidson: midfield?

others are Robert Wheatley at right back, Steve Blair (stopper) and Mitchell.

Scheinflug however, has said he cannot afford to take too many risks with the team until the outcome of the New Zealand v. Fiji match is known.

That game — in Auckland on August 22 — will confirm that New Zealand has won the Oceania group, or in case of a Fiji victory, will give Australia renewed hope.

Fiji and New Zealand were to have met on August 17, but the date has been changed to the 22nd.

The date of Fiji's away match against Australia in Melbourne, also is likely to be changed, from August 14 to Tuesday, August 18.

Fiji requested the change, so it would not have to spend as much on accommodation in Melbourne, before moving on to New Zealand.

The Fijians will fly to Melbourne after meeting Indonesia in Djakarta.

In its matches so far, Fiji lost 0-4 to New Zealand in Auckland, drew 0-0 with Indonesia in Ba, and beat Taiwan 2-1 in Ba.

The Fijians are coached by New Zealander Wally Hughes. They have sound defenders in Nakosia and Manaana, and according to Taiwan coach Herbert Stammier, they are dangerous in breakaways through their fast forwards.

While the Fijians are physically strong they are not however, good in the air, and they are completely unpredictable.

The size of New Zealand's 4-0 victory over Fiji is a little misleading, as a number of players were suspended from the team for disciplinary reasons, among them captain Joe Tubuna, who is back now.

Scheinflug named a 22-man squad before cutting it down to the 16-man travelling party. Those left out are: Peter Raskopoulos, Bobby Russell, Greg Woodhouse, Mark Jankovics, Ken Boden and John Kosmina who is injured.

The Australian team probably will be: Maher — Wheatley, Blair, Henderson, Davidson — Barnes, Byrne, Katholos — Hunter, Krncevic, Mitchell.

The Australian squad is:
GOALKEEPERS: Allan Maher (Marconi), Glen Ahearn (Sydney City).

DEFENDERS: Robert Wheatley (Blacktown), Steve Blair (Sth. Melb. Hellas) Alan Niven (Brisbane Lions), Tony Henderson (Marconi), Alan Davidson (Sth. Melb. Hellas).

MIDFIELDERS: Murray Barnes (Sydney City), Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic), Gary Byrne (Marconi).

FORWARDS: Peter Sharne, Ian Hunter, Eddie Krncevic (Marconi), David Mitchell (Adelaide City), Tony Brennan (Canberra City), Gary Cole (Heidelberg).



John Yzendoorn (right) chases new Socceroo Ian Hunter.

It's home and away

Having conceded that their further involvement in the World Cup was unlikely, ASF officials permitted the New Zealand FA to negotiate details for the final round of the Asia-Oceania group.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait favored a tournament among the four finalists in Saudi Arabia, while China preferred the games to be staged in Kuala Lumpur. New Zealand supported a home and away series.

As Saudi Arabia and China were adamant in their opposition to each other's stand point, the compromise of a home and away series eventually was agreed to.

As Saudi Arabia still does not recognise China politically, these two countries will play each other on a neutral ground.

Dates of fixtures are:
Sept 24: China v. New Zealand,
Oct 3: New Zealand v. China,
Oct 10: New Zealand v. Kuwait,
Oct 18: China v. Kuwait,
Nov 4: Saudi Arabia v. Kuwait,
Nov 12: Saudi Arabia v. China,
Nov 19: China v. Saudi Arabia,
Nov 28: New Zealand v. Saudi Arabia,
Nov 30: Kuwait v. China,
Dec 7: Kuwait v. Saudi Arabia,
Dec 14: Kuwait v. New Zealand,
Dec 19: Saudi Arabia v. New Zealand.
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Oceania standings

Oceania World Cup group:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	5	2	0	18	3	12
Australia	2	1	1	8	7	5
Taiwan	1	2	3	5	7	4
Fiji	1	1	1	2	5	3
Indonesia	0	1	4	0	11	1

Will the great Kosmina emerge in time?

My recent visit to Barton Park in Sydney to watch Wollongong City play Sydney City enable me to have my first look at John Kosmina since his return from overseas.

Kosmina is all pedigree. I watched the game in the company of the national director of coaching, Eric Worthington and observed to him that Kosmina was a class above the other players.

"Yes, he's a class player," agreed Worthington.

In the game Kosmina showed excellent vision and general awareness. These are not qualities possessed in abundance by players in Australia, especially strikers.

Strikers usually are under pressure when involved on the ball which allows them less time than other players to get their heads up to take-in the situation around them.

Even under pressure Kosmina was able to get his head up, which helped him whether dribbling, screening, shooting or passing — all of which he does well.

I made the point to Worthington that judgement of which skill to use was the key element in the make-up of a player.

He agreed and said that players in divisions lower than the Philips league generally were not that much technically inferior to the players in the top league.

"Its their judgment of when and where to use the skills that counts," he said.

Vision — the ability to be able to see what is happening around you while you are playing — is the key factor in the ability to chose the right skill to use at the right time.

John Stoddart, former Canberra player and current star with NSW's Melita Eagles, is a classic example of a player who has improved as his vision improved.

I coached him at St. George in his mid-20's when he was a



Mike Johnson

Now he gives good early passes and generally uses his wide range of talents to their best advantage.

Unfortunately he is now 33 and nearly finished with the game as a player.

This is the experience of so many players. They develop vision and other Soccer knowledge far too late in their careers and have too little time to exploit it.

Kosmina, however, is only 24 and has six years ahead of himself a top striker. The moves well "off" a defender to receive the ball to feet.

He also shows good timing when he makes diagonal runs to the wings — another asset springing from his wide vision.

He is composed in possession, is prepared to be buffeted

and knocked about to keep possession, has a good shot in each foot, passes well (as one would expect of a player who plays with his head up) and is fairly nippy off the mark.

At about 5ft.10in. tall he is not devastating in the air, but is as very competent.

In fact Kosmina has all the physical and technical qualities to make him a truly outstanding striker.

It led me to say to him several years ago:

"You should try to become the Don Bradman of Australian soccer."

He has not done so, nor has he come close to doing so. Indeed he failed overseas and since his return to Australia can be classed as a virtual failure when you look at the man's ability.

In the company of the classy Sydney City this ability is beginning to show out anew, yet he still remains a player who does not make the impact he should.



TOM ANDERSON

It's just sour grapes

There's a great deal of rubbish being written and spoken about Rale Rasic and his Blacktown team in recent weeks.

Some of this garbage is unbelievable and it is coming from people within the game who should know better.

Rasic and his Blacktown team are being maligned for their defensive play and supposedly negative tactics.

Some of the critics are claiming that this type of play is bad for the game.

What a load of old cod's wallop!

And, before I give my reasons, let me make it very plain that I'm not defending Rale

Rasic or his team — he's big enough and well enough equipped to defend and take care of himself.

But in the name of fair play and common sense, this ever growing criticism of Rasic and his team surely must stop.

Look at the situation — Blacktown is in the relegation zone and in the process of team building.

They have just secured a mammoth sponsorship and in fact, the future looks very

bright for this club — provided they stay in the PSL.

As coach of this club it is Rale Rasic's job to ensure they do stay in the PSL.

So in such a situation, what's he supposed to do? Go out and use all out attacking methods, throw caution and good sense to the wind and put the future of the club in jeopardy?

Not on your life! In such a situation he's got to adopt the same approach as any coach worth his salt would adopt — get out of trouble and keep your team in the PSL.

Anybody who suggests that these back-to-the-wall, negative tactics are spoiling the game must have rocks in their heads.

Sure, Sydney City and Adelaide City gripped about the way Blacktown played in their last two games.

Why wouldn't they — Blacktown took three points off these two teams which are going for PSL honors.

Had they beaten Blacktown there would have been no moaning. For me this is just a pure case of sour grapes.

The fact is — when you have promotion and relegation in a competition, anywhere in the world, you are going to have teams fighting for their lives.

When this happens, any teams in trouble at the foot of the competition must adopt the percentage game and play their way out of bother.

Rale Rasic and his Blacktown team are doing just this, and doing it very well, thank you.

If this type of football is frowned upon, then the answer must be — do away with promotion and relegation.

Surely you don't have to be an Einstein to work that out. All right, some people may say but look at Sydney Olympic and their all-out attacking style.

Terrific, but let's face it, if Olympic don't change their attitude and tighten their defence very quickly and start getting some points, they will be in awful trouble.

And to be perfectly honest, Olympic looks a bigger relegation candidate than Blacktown.



Ian Parker enjoying the rustic pleasures of Tasmanian life on Tom Ferguson's farm. (Photo by John Remess).

Parker keen to give PSL a go

By WALTER PLESS

Tasmanian State League defenders can relax. But only for a few weeks. Ian Parker, 22, Brighton-ICL's sharp-shooting left winger from Middlesbrough will be out of action for that time.

Parker, third highest scorer in the State League with 11 goals, broke his collar-bone while playing for a 'Rest of the World' team against Tasmania recently. It was an unfortunate injury and one that removed a talented player from the State League scene.

Brighton has been lucky that some of its recent games have been postponed because of water-logged grounds.

Parker is a key player in the side and when he's not scoring goals himself he's setting them up for others.

Somewhat shy and reticent off the field, on it he becomes a commanding figure with poise, speed and abundant skill. Drifting in from the touch-line he takes on defenders, beating them easily with a rapid change of direction or pace. He is one of those players of whom it can truly be said that he always does something useful with the ball.

Parker arrived in Tasmania last year in April to start a two-year contract with Brighton-ICL.

He is one of a group of players now in Tasmania who came here from Whitby Town, a club in the Northern League in England. The first was Tony Dickinson (now with Wollongong) and he was followed by Parker, Peter Brine, Eric Young and most recently, Bruce Ward.

Parker told me: "I can remember asking Tony Dickinson for his autograph when he played for Middlesbrough". Parker has come a long way since then.

He started his career as a

nine-year-old full-back. He represented Middlesbrough Boys at U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15 and U-16 levels, then joined Nunthorpe Athletic, Middlesbrough's nursery side and the most successful junior side in the area.

He also represented the North Yorkshire Youth side.

From there he progressed to the Nunthorpe senior side which played in a league that featured up-and-coming stars such as Craig Johnston (now with Liverpool) and Stan Cummings (Sunderland).

Whitby Town was Parker's next club and after spending two years with them he accepted an offer to come to Tasmania. He lives at the home of Brighton-ICL stalwart and former star player George Arnott.

He has not regretted the move to Tasmania and he thoroughly enjoys the State League set-up and is impressed by the hospitality of the people and by the slower pace of life in Tasmania. He enjoys spending time at the farm of Tom Ferguson, another ex-Brighton player.

Parker learnt his skills by watching the star players in action in England and by practising some of the tricks he saw them perform. He also played wherever and whenever he could.

"I used to live, eat and drink soccer. I'd play with tin cans, tennis balls or full-size balls in the streets. I spent hours just kicking a ball against a wall," he says.

Coaches helped him too. Dave Richardson, a former school teacher and school coach (now Aston Villa's youth coach), was one.

"Peter Brine and Eric Young at Whitby Town also taught me a lot," says Parker.

The sight of Parker mesmerising defenders is something which Tasmanian supporters have become used to.

His injury is healing well and he hopes to be back in time for Brighton's match against Burnie.

What about Brighton's championship hopes?

"I think we've got a very good chance. If we can get over the Juventus-Pioneer hurdle, everything should rest on the final game against Launceston Juventus, which is a very good side.

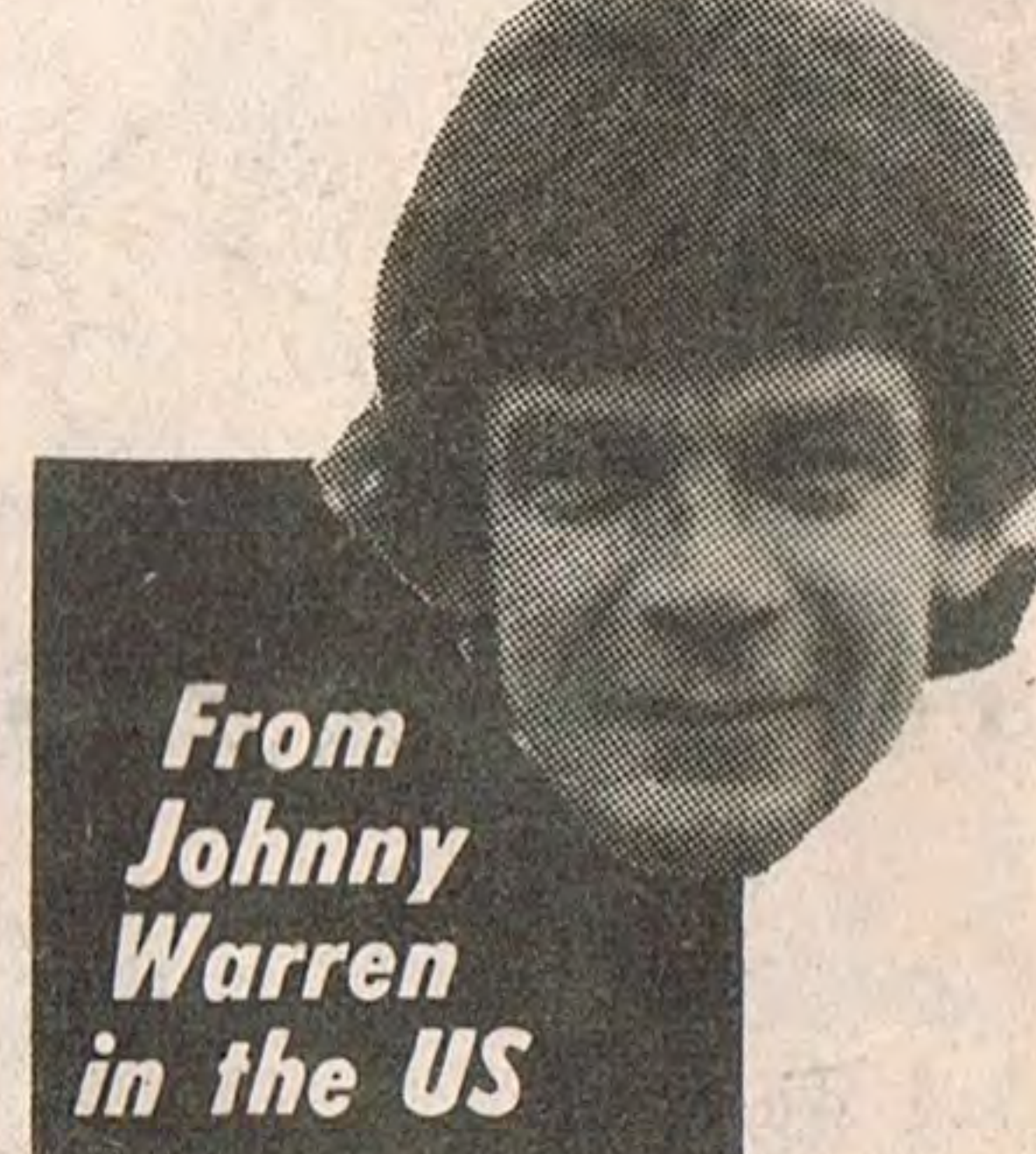
It has the big men where it matters."

Brighton and Launceston Juventus are running neck and neck at the top of the State League standings.

Ian Parker is definitely good enough for the Philips League.

It's a pity that Tasmania hasn't got a team in the competition as Parker would love the chance to prove himself in that company.

His visa expires next April. If he renews it and gets an offer from interstate, he might be able to go to the PSL. Anyone who has seen him play wouldn't have any doubts that he would make his mark.



From Johnny Warren in the US

Weisweiler wins fight, loses fans

Australian fans will be in for a disappointment if the rumoured tour to Australia by the New York Cosmos later this year takes place. For the fabulous Cosmos of recent years are a mere shadow of what they were.

Cosmos '81 are nothing like Cosmos '79

There is no Beckenbauer, no Carlos Alberto, no Marinho, no Neeskens. In their place is a team of young, relatively unknown players led by an aging Chinaglia (who still is the leading scorer in the NASL) and Bogicevic, plus "average" players like Birkenmeier, Eskandarian, Seninho and, when he is not in conflict with head strong coach Hennes Weisweiler, Wim Rijsbergen.

Weisweiler has caused something of a storm since taking over the Cosmos last year.

He has kicked out the stars and the fans' favourite players and replaced them with 'team' players.

Cosmos management, for the moment at least, is backing the coach for the Cosmos currently lead their group with 18 wins and five losses.

It is not just my opinion that the Cosmos are not as entertaining as in '79.

Their average home gates have dropped from a healthy "just under" 50,000 to around 30,000 this season.

New Yorkers are staying away in their thousands, many of them bitterly disappointed that their favoured sons, like Carlos Alberto and Neeskens, have lost their battles with Weisweiler.

Carlos Alberto, the fans' favourite player, was sensationally dropped from last year's final when Weisweiler played Beckenbauer as libero. And when Carlos went walkabout for a week during the Cosmos pre-season training camp to the Rio carnival in Brazil (with the management's okay but without the coach's approval) he promptly was sold to the Los Angeles Aztecs.

Neeskens, another favourite with the crowds, hasn't kicked a ball this year despite the Cosmos paying him a healthy \$250,000 per season. Weisweiler has told the Cosmos that it's either him or Neeskens and whilst the team keeps winning management is backing the unlikely coach.

To fulfill his contractual obligations Neeskens works out with the assistant coach daily, but has yet to kick a competitive ball this year.

And he is unlikely to.

The transfer deadline is over (July 5) and Weisweiler has refused to sit down and talk it all out with Neeskens, let alone trade him to another club.

Neeskens fell out with Weisweiler for missing a flight to Los Angeles during last season's play-off series.

For the record the Cosmos side I saw play at the Giants' Stadium last week against the Tulsa Roughnecks (crowd 33,179) was:

Birkenmeier, Eskandarian, Iarucci, Durgan, Di Bernardo, Bogicevic, Davis, Romero, Vergele, Chinaglia, Cabanas.

Romero and Cabanas would be well known to our 1979 World Youth Cup players.

They were stars of the Paraguayan youth team who beat Australia in Paraguay.

Cosmos were most unimpressive and were lucky to win 3-2 in overtime with two goals from Cabanas and one from Chinaglia.

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The legendary Pele hope to be in Australia later this year for the launching of "Escape to Victory" the movie in which he features with Bobby Moore and ex-Cosmos skipper Werner Roth.

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Battling Tommy Cumming faces \$30,000 fee and crippling medical bills

Tommy Cumming senses his mistake. He's let Eskandarian get too far forward. Tiny legs, dwarfed by a blue Victorian strip, take off, pounding into the Olympic Park turf.

Eskandarian is at ease. He's left Cumming behind. The New York Cosmos defender dwells on the ball.

Cumming closes fast. The crowd roars as metre by metre the gap between both players narrows. Still Eskandarian is in control.

Suddenly he knows that Cumming is on him. Too late! A crunching slide tackle from behind fells the Iranian international who reacts angrily by kicking out at Cumming.

Cumming is unmoved as the referee rushes in, awards a free kick to Cosmos and tries to calm the explosive situation.

Eskandarian appeals to the referee to take a firmer stand against Cumming.

The roles have been irrevocably reversed. Most of the previous action centred upon Eskandarian's kamikaze tackles, usually leaving Cumming as the victim. Now Eskandarian takes on the role of the accuser, pointing to his pint-sized assailant and asking for the referee's protection.

The tide of this two-man war has turned. At the end of the afternoon, Cumming walks off Olympic Park as the victor.

But now there's a more significant battle which the tiny terrier is trying to win.

Like most modern-day conflicts, the story of Cumming's disappearance from Australia's soccer fields is a long, drawn-out one.

First there's a practice match for Australia. It's mid-week and Marconi is the opponent. Rudi Gutendorf, the man who gave Cumming his chance to pull on a green and gold strip, has high hopes that Cummings will attack, defend and generally run himself into the ground as the Socceroos march toward Spain. It's part of Gutendorf's insistence that physical qualities are the strengths of Australian soccer and must be highlighted in tactics talks.

It's a Wednesday night in Sydney and Cummings has flown from Melbourne where he's playing a significant role in the success of Essendon Croatia.

Cummings pulls up well after the hit-out. He returns to the motel where the Socceroos are staying.

Next morning Cumming hardly can move. His stomach is sore. A masseur tells him to rest. It's believed that Cumming has a groin strain.

17 stitches

He returns to Melbourne and rests but not for long. Soon he's back in training and plays against Green Gully Ajax in a State League match three days before playing for Victoria against touring Italian side AC Milan.

Cumming is sore after the Ajax match. Before the Wednesday game against the Italians he agrees to take a pain-killing injection.

Victoria proves more than a match for the classy tourists.

Cumming is tackling in deep positions and getting forward when he can. He tackles for a 50/50 ball during the second half.

As he lies on the ground immediately after the tackle his Italian opponent lashes out with his studs raised, slashing into Cumming's kneecap. Un-



TOP: Cumming pursues Eskandarian of New York Cosmos in a game for Victoria, 1979. MIDDLE: Cumming with the 1979 Victorian Rothmans Medal — his second in as many years. ABOVE: The ugly gash that required 17 stitches after Victoria's game against AC Milan.

aware that he's seriously injured Cumming bounces up, preparing to get on with the game. Jim Tansey rushes over, points to Cumming's kneecap and tells him to go down again to receive treatment. Cumming is treated but the injury is severe. He's carried off amid derisory yells from the Italian supporters. The gash across Cumming's kneecap is closed with 17 stitches.

Recovery from the knee injury follows but still Cumming is in pain. Now the pain, presumably from the groin strain, moves to different parts of his lower abdomen.

Cummings sees specialists, goes into hospital for an exploratory operation but a welter of confusing diagnosis follows until Australian team doctor Brian Corrigan diag-

noses pelvic instability, a complaint which former Socceroo defender Harry Williams suffered. The only cure is rest but there's a lingering doubt about Cumming's ability to make a full recovery and play again.

Cumming arrived from Scotland in 1976.

"Soccer Action" photographer Les Shorrock arranged for Cumming to play here with Sunshine City.

Cumming arrived six hours before Sunshine's Ampol Cup match against Heidelberg United, or Fitzroy Alexander as the club was known then.

It didn't take long for his compact frame and dribbling skills to capture the hearts of Victoria's soccer public.

He was laughed at from the terraces when he first played. Few could believe that

someone so small could do well. But it didn't take long for Cumming to prove them wrong. The laughter of the fans soon was transformed into applause by a series of stunning performances from Cumming and Sunshine. Twice the eventual State League champion, South Melbourne Hellas, was beaten by the Shiners.

Heidelberg

Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos was one of those who was impressed by Cumming. The Sunshine winger signed with the Bergers late in 1976 and returned for a holiday in Scotland. Everything was geared for Cumming to come back to Australia and figure in Heidelberg's foray into the newly formed PSL.

Sunshine got wind of the deal. Cumming paid his own flight back to Australia unaware that Heidelberg had withdrawn its application for a sporting visa for him. He arrived at Tullamarine airport and immediately was herded into a room where immigration officials told him that he shouldn't be in Australia. He didn't have a visa.

Two Sunshine officials rushed to the airport where a two-year contract was signed hastily and a sporting visa arranged.

"I didn't even look at the contract. I just signed it," said Cumming.

The following year Cumming starred against Essendon Croatia. A Croatia supporter gave him the telephone number of Croatia manager Frank Burin. Cumming rang Burin who acted quickly.

Two medals

Cumming cost Sunshine around \$1400 when the Shiners flew him out from Scotland. Two years later he was sold to Croatia for \$6,500, a steal by today's inflated standards.

And what a year he had in 1978! He won the Rothmans Medal and the Bill Fleming medal, the high points of individual acclaim.

A year later Cumming wore the Australian strip for the first time against Partizan Belgrade.

"Rudi got me there and I gave him a lot," said Cumming.

"As a person, a guy, he was good. He came in for a lot of criticism as a coach but he didn't do much coaching. That was left to his assistants.

"He'd throw a few tantrums now and again. That's probably why people looked at him like he was some kind of idiot but he always stuck by me and I'd run until I dropped. Not just for him but for my country.

"It was a great honor for me to wear an Australian strip.

"Probably the highlight of my international career so far was playing against New York Cosmos in front of 65,000 in Sydney.

"The noise was deafening, frightening really. That kind of support is important to the players.

"But enough's been said about Rudi and our World Cup campaign. All that I'll say is that we didn't have a settled side and the players were frightened to try things in case they were hauled off."

Cumming is in the option year of his contract with Croatia and he hopes to be fit to play next year.

But there's a doubt. Only time will tell whether he recovers from his crippling injury.

"If I can't come back I'd like to turn to coaching. I

haven't any coaching badges but you don't need a badge to be a coach.

"I've trained and played under the best coaches in this country. I've learned a lot from them and I've got ideas of my own. I'd like the opportunity to put my knowledge into practice.

"But I think I can come back as a player. After all I'm only 25."

High price

Cumming's inability to show his soccer talents is part of the price he pays for his injury.

Time off work and the loss of a lucrative signing-on fee have hit him economically.

Croatia was undecided about whether or not it should take up the option on Cumming's contract.

What if it didn't take up the option and Cumming makes a full recovery from his injury? A fit Cumming is a major asset at any club.

Cumming sought legal advice about his situation. He went to the VSF Appeals

By Craig Mackenzie
Cumming the Socceroo in China, 1979.

Board which ruled that Croatia had three courses of action from which to choose: Give Cumming a free transfer; offer him a new contract or exercise the option and transfer-list Cumming.

Croatia chose the latter. Cumming is transfer listed at \$30,000 and receives payment under the terms of his old contract.

But during his long lay-off Cumming amassed thousands of dollars in treatment bills.

He's been sending the bills to the ASF headquarters in Sydney but the ASF hasn't been paying them. Cumming now is threatened with legal action over the payment of these bills.

He sent the bills to the ASF thinking that if you play for your country and are injured

Tommy Cumming in his first game in Australia, playing for Sunshine in the 1976 Ampol Cup.

during a game or on the training track, the ASF looks after you fully. Cumming thought that a comprehensive insurance scheme would cover everyone who gave their all for their country.

At a time when morale in the Socceroo camp is low, the hopes of the ASF top brass about getting to Spain completely dashed and public opinion critical of the administration of Australian soccer, the ASF has incurred another large black mark against it.

Forget the politics, the coaching, the petty personal jealousies.

Tommy Cumming never knows how to quit on the field.

Has playing for Australia ever meant so little in the light of Cumming's situation?

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Soper Super!

When Marshal Soper got his transfer from State League club, Stewarts and Lloyds, his football education was far from finished.

The tall, dark-haired Coalfields product learnt his lesson well. In his only season with Stewarts and Lloyds, he repaid handsomely the investment of coach Mike Trebilcock.

He was leading goalscorer in the competition, a key figure in the new club's remarkable premiership victory and had the odd brush with administration that usually afflicts a personality player.

So Soper packed his bags for Sydney club Leichhardt, including in his kit the lessons, the memories and the boots which supported his goalscoring role in 1980.

He's now in the first of many years that will be spent in pursuit of a footballing degree, if there is such a thing, or a degree of football knowhow that will prepare Soper for the future years at the top.

A better mentor than Willie Wallace, Soper could not have wished for. Nor could he complain about joining the Sydney-based club. It has tradition, success, good support, a licensed club and, not forgetting, the \$5000 transfer fee.



Marshall Soper

Wallace rates Soper as a valuable member of his team, despite the fact that the 23-year-old has spent some time this year on the bench.

"He's a good lad, loves the game and fills a very important role in our side," Wallace recently commented.

Filling an important role is more of a wrap than all but the avid football followers would know. Alongside Soper is Phil O'Connor, the country's best winger, and Zdenko Kafka, a midfield maestro. Behind that trio is Peter Wilson, the man who was at the helm of Australia's World Cup appearance in Munich in 1974.

Soper, unfortunately, is not playing in the district of his junior soccer days. He made no protest about moving to Sydney yet his 'parting shot' from the field, had greater effect.

It was Soper's left foot drive that separated a 1-1 scoreline at Lambert Park in the first round clash between the sides.

It was also one of the goals that has made Soper the club's leading goalscorer.

Willie Wallace, the man at the base of Leichhardt's push to the top of the P.S.L., has been among the coaches who have pursued a policy of youth development.

Wallace's team has managed this year to lure back to Lambert Park droves of supporters.

The team is also a collection of young players, like Soper, who have gained an immense experience by moving into national League company. One of Soper's fellow strikers is Toby Mossell, a youth product of the club, as are defenders Mark Pullen and Rod Skellern, and midfielder Ian Gray. — from Newcastle KB's program.



Rovers pack a punch

Scottish lightweight boxing champion Dave McCabe arrives at Tullamarine airport for his Commonwealth lightweight title fight against Australia's Barry Michael. McCabe was greeted by officials of Victorian First Division club Albion Rovers and was signed as an honorary member of the club.

J.U.S.T. hits out at loss of third point

BY LAURIE SCHWAB

Footscray J.U.S.T. is up in arms over having another point deducted from its Second Division team.

The team lost two points earlier in the season.

In both cases, the VSF penalised the team for having used players who previously had been transferred to J.U.S.T.'s PSL team.

Under VSF rules, a player can transfer only once in a season — and that applies to "transfers" between teams of a PSL club.

The rule has been under fire since it was introduced in 1977.

And little wonder!

It is at best ridiculous, at worst discriminatory.

The argument that were it not for the rule, then PSL clubs would stack their Second Division teams with PSL players just to win a championship, does not stand up to logic.

For the same reasoning would have to be applied to the relationship between other clubs and their reserve teams. Would a club "stack" its reserve team to win the reserves championship?

J.U.S.T. lost the two points it had gained earlier this year for using Jim Milne in its victory against Melbourne.

Now it has lost the point gained in a draw with Frankston Pines, for having used Paul Simic and Suleiman Curovic.

Both players were "transferred" to the PSL team early this year and played one or two games each. They had been permanent this year and player done or two games each. They had been permanent members of the Second Division side, and they have been since, but because of the rule, if they are no longer required for the PSL side, they can't play at all until the transfer season reopens.

J.U.S.T. secretary Lou Tonovski said: "Most clubs chose not to complain because they agree the rule is ridiculous."

"Frankston Pines and Melbourne, the clubs that did complain, see themselves as being in the running for the championship. I wonder whether they would have complained had they beaten us."

Tonovski explained that after having been penalised over the Milne affair, J.U.S.T. thought there was no objection to using Simic and Curovic as they had, after all, played in the same game as Milne and no objection had been about them at the time.



J.U.S.T. youngster Paul Simic, the centre of controversy over a strange VSF rule.

Cruzeiro tour off as Nelinho's fight continues

Cruzeiro last week withdrew from its scheduled match against Victoria on July 31, claiming too many of its players would be required from Brazilian national team duty about the same time.

The VSF rescheduled the match for November 1.

Cruzeiro's reason for withdrawing is puzzling, however.

The game in Melbourne was to be the first of a world tour continuing on to Asia, Europe and the United States.

One can only presume that Cruzeiro's Brazilian internationals will catch up with the rest of the squad after they have completed national team duty.

The best of Cruzeiro's national team players is the brilliant Nelinho.

His mother probably still refers to him as Manoel Rezende de Mattos Cabral, but throughout the soccer world he is known as Nelinho though Cruzeiro fans refer to their right back as "Dinamita" —



Nelinho

because of the dynamite in his boots!

Nelinho is destined to go down in history as one of the most powerful strikers of a soccer ball the game has produced.

Born in Rio de Janeiro, of Portuguese parentage, Nelinho started his career with America FC.

As a naive, but ambitious 20 year old he decided to try his luck in Europe joining Portugal's Barreirense. This however was not a success and after only one season his contract was terminated.

Returning to Brazil via minor Venezuelan side Anzoategui, he became attached to ob-

scure Parana State League clubs Bom Suceso and Remo before Cruzeiro invited him back into the big league.

Within a year of signing for the Belo Horizonte club Nelinho had forced his way into the Brazilian national side and won a trip to West Germany for the World Cup finals where he played against Scotland, Yugoslavia and Zaire.

It was after the tournament though that the Cruzeiro defender began to display his awesome shooting ability at the highest level.

A 40 metre shot against Uruguay in Montevideo not only beat the goalkeeper, but also severely bruised his fingers whilst an effort from a slightly lesser range scored the winner against Boca Juniors in the second leg of the 1977 Libertadores Cup final.

Brazilian manager Claudio Coutinho was seeking a solid, defensive full back though and considered Nelinho too attack orientated. He was omitted from the original squad for the 1978 World Cup.

An injury to first choice Ze Maria brought a last minute recall and Nelinho made the most of the opportunity.

A vicious, swerving free kick from 30 metres against Poland was spectacular enough, but the goal scored in the play-off for third place had the mark of genius.

Brazil was losing 1-0 to Italy with 25 minutes remaining when Nelinho received the ball on the right wing approximately 30 metres from goal. Instinctively he swung his right boot at the ball which arched with the speed of a bullet beyond Dino Zoff's despairing dive and just inside the left hand post.

The demoralised Italians conceded a second goal six minutes later to the Brazilians who salvaged the bronze medal. Nelinho emerged from the Mundial as a player of genuine World class.

A success strewn career seemed assured, only for fate to strike a cruel blow.

He had suffered from back pains for over a year and during a summer tournament in Spain, just one month after his World Cup triumph, it grew much worse and a creeping paralysis began to effect his right leg.

Over a dozen specialists were consulted, but with no effect, and then in desperation he turned to faith healers and even acupuncture.

Eventually sciatic nerve trouble was diagnosed. The only cure was a immediate operation and rest — plenty of it.

Nelinho had a six month spell away from the game and upon his return found the right back niche in the Brazilian team successfully filled.

Celebrating his 31st birthday just five days before the deferred Olympic Park fixture, he is aware that Spain offers the last chance of World Cup glory.

Having already been in Cruzeiro teams, winning a Brazilian championship and Libertadores Cup, Nelinho is eager to add the one honor that has so far eluded him.

He has less than a year to force his way back into the Brazilian side, currently favorite for the World Cup.

— PAUL MOON

S.A. paper tops

Minor league soccer, mostly ignored by the media, has found a voice in South Australia.

The weekly newspaper "South Australian Soccer," now in its fourth month of publication, gives a comprehensive coverage to amateur league soccer from divisions one to 10, and it also has a section on school soccer competitions.

"South Australian Soccer" is a thoroughly professional publication — a credit to its editor Gary Reeves and especially to Michael Robinson who does the layout.

LAURIE SCHWAB



National Mutual Permanent's representative Bruce Darnell (right) hands over a warmup top to Nunawading City player Andy Mitten.

INSURERS BACK NUNAWADING

An extended sponsorship agreement has given a boost to Victorian club Nunawading City.

National Mutual Permanent, Melbourne's oldest building society, has extended its sponsorship agreement of the past two years and in 1981 is giving even further support to Nunawading City Soccer Club.

The Society has provided warmup tops for two junior sides as well as the senior and reserve sides.

Representatives of National Mutual Permanent, the Nunawading City Council, the Victorian Soccer Federation and the media

joined members of the club in celebrating the new sponsorship agreement.

The president of the club, Peter Karik, welcomed the National Mutual Permanent representatives, Bruce Darnell (Lending and Corporate Planning Manager) and Eric Tai (Marketing Manager) and thanked them for the Society's continuing support of the club.

"We deeply appreciate the Society's support and it is most satisfying for us that a company as large as National Mutual Permanent is prepared to involve itself in such a young club," Mr Karik said.

Nunawading City is the largest junior club in the Victorian Metropolitan League fielding 25 teams from the Under 7's to senior teams.

Anyone for Mallacouta?

If your club wants a superb end of season trip get in touch with the organisers of Mallacouta's annual tournament right away.

I've been at the tournament twice, to watch some super contests between lower leagues from different states.

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Tournament organiser Alf Bowerman is looking for two more clubs to take the entrants for the 1981 Mallacouta Cup to 10 clubs: Sandringham, Nunawading and Mallacouta (Victoria), Cronulla Seagulls, Hornsby

RSL and Gawley Bay (Sydney) Mount Warri-rall Rovers (Wollongong) and Far South Coast, a select from local district sides, already have entered for the tournament.

This will be the tenth year that the Mallacouta Cup has been up for grabs.

Previous winners are: Bairnsdale (1972, 73, 74), Harbord Diggers (1975), Williamstown (1976), Concord Juniors (1977, 78), Mallacouta (1979) and Sandringham City is the current cup holder having lifted the trophy on penalties after a memorable final triumph over Mallacouta last year.

Accommodation is arranged. Believe me it's excellent and cheap at twice the price.

First come first served. This year's tournament will be held on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4.

If your club is interested you can write to Alf Bowerman at The Post Office, Mallacouta, 3889. Better still give Alf a phone on (051) 58 0250.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Blacktown's rich, Lions kid on, Joe still the best

The soccer world was scratching its head in disbelief when Blacktown City announced sponsorship of \$100,000 from Radio Rentals.

How could a club fighting against relegation attract that kind of money, was the general reaction.

Quite simply, the company's bosses, Len Palmer and Dennis Roberts, both are soccer-minded, and both are impressed not only by the potential of Blacktown, but also of the district the club represents.

Their ambition is to make Blacktown THE club of Australian soccer — and they're confident it can be done.

They also want to stimulate soccer interest among the kids of the Hills area.

To this end, they will arrange for a superstar of English soccer to visit us every year to give the kids a touch of glamor and show them what modern soccer is all about.

In other words, the Radio Rentals bosses are showing great confidence in the Blacktown club, the surrounding district and the code as a whole.

They appreciate that there is real substance in the Blacktown club with its nine-acre complex built only five years ago, its beautiful stadium which lacks only floodlighting and a suitable grandstand, which will be added as soon as possible. They also wholeheartedly support the club's youth development programme which will raise the eyebrows of many a club.

An interesting sidelight of the sponsorship is that Radio Rentals, at their own cost, are arranging to videotape every one of Blacktown's matches, which then can be viewed at the clubrooms.

The sponsorship deal is a tribute to the hard work of Blacktown's commercial manager, Bob Powell who has performed miracles since being appointed nine months ago.

His achievements are an example to ASF Marketing.

But Bob is the first to acknowledge that his achievements would not have been possible without the backing of a sound club administration — an administration with vision.

On behalf of the entire soccer fraternity, I extend best wishes to Heidelberg's Jim Tansey and Adelaide City's Peter Marshall who are out with serious injuries.

These two are not only great players but also thorough gentlemen and I wish them a quick recovery. We all hope to see them back on the park again soon.

Much is made of best player voting — and indeed, such recognition of achievement is an important part of our game.

The judges who single out players for special credit are usually on the ball, but it can be embarrassing when they are not.

Blacktown has a player-of-the-match award, which is voted upon by a Pressman and a club official.

After a recent game, they decided that Brian O'Donnell should get the award but Brian O'Donnell should get the award but Brian refused to accept it, saying that rather than having been best on the park, he had been one of the worst!

In recent years, Sydney City has looked everywhere for a replacement for Joe Watson.

There were patches of ordinary form, some said he was getting old . . . he wouldn't last much longer.



RALE RASIC

But Watson keeps on proving them wrong.

Brisbane Lions has achieved great things — an excellent stadium, support from its district, a solid team whose foundations are built on the brilliant service given over the past few years by Jim Hermiston.

Indeed, there is much for Brisbane Lions should be congratulated.

But there must have been roars of laughter all over Australia when the Lions claimed they were prepared to pay \$700,000 to keep Bob Litchford — \$200,000 for him, and \$500,000 for Everton.

An outlay of that amount, spread over three or four players, would make the Lions the greatest force in Australian soccer.

Perhaps it was only a publicity gimmick, but it certainly did little to encourage the many junior players in the district the club represents.



• Brennan • Yzendoorn

Australia would win no matter what squad it takes to Fiji on July 26.

The difference in standard between the countries is enormous.

So Les Scheinflug's emphasis on youth does not constitute a risk. Rather, it should be applauded as a great step forward.

I also applaud the inclusion of Canberra's Tony Brennan, who was ignored for too long.

Brennan always has been a potential match-winner, while many reputable forwards, like Cole, Sharne, Boden, Jankovic, Kravic and others, are unfortunately out of touch.

The decision to fine John Yzendoorn and ban him from four World Cup matches over the "secret tape" affair is nothing short of laughable. Is Yzendoorn suddenly the scapegoat for all that has gone before?

While Yzendoorn is punished for a minor indiscretion, the ASF chose to ignore much, much bigger issues.

Why, for example, were the complaints of masseur Peter van Rijn ignored after the youth team's games in Paraguay?

Why were the claims of tour leader Michael Weinstein ignored?

What were the reasons behind the resignation of masseur Lubo Gokovic after the tour of China?

Why was the report of ASF vice-president Vic Tuting swept under the carpet after the Socceroos' world tour?

Why were the players forbidden to speak to the Press on their return from the world tour?

Wouldn't it have been better to have permitted them to air their grievances? Perhaps it would have cleared the air sufficiently to prevent the New Zealand world Cup debacle.

Rdui Gutendorf was here. Now he's gone, but where is Australian soccer?

After all that, what little John Yzendoorn did deserved a smack on the bottom, no more.

What a joke!

Ray Baartz's achievements as coach of Newcastle have been remarkable for a man who concedes that he has no special coaching skill.

What he does have however, is common sense and an understanding of what a player needs.

It shows once again what a great authority he is on this game.

Although he says he doesn't want to continue coaching, perhaps some enterprising club could lure him with a job as technical director.

Hellas may tour New Zealand

South Melbourne Hellas is negotiating a tour of New Zealand at the end of the season.

It is envisaged that Hellas will play an Auckland club — probably either Hanimex North Shore United or Mount Wellington — Gisborne City and Christchurch United.

A fixture between Gisborne City and South Melbourne may resurrect the Trans Tasman Champion of Champions title.

This was the billing under which the Mount Wellington v Marconi game of September 1979 was promoted, both clubs having been crowned champions of their respective countries.

That clash, resulting in a 1-1 draw, is rated by many as the best club match in living memory!

Mount Wellington was due to continue the series against Sydney City Hakoah last year, only for its proposed tour of Australia to be cancelled due to other commitments.

It is essential that Gisborne is included in Hellas's itinerary in order to render the tour financially viable. City, New Zealand's best supported team, can guarantee huge takings for Hellas's visit.

Unfortunately City, whose league programme was suspended while its three internationals were on World Cup duty, has a large backlog of fixtures to overcome and may not be able to fit an additional game in.

Gisborne includes three Kiwi World Cup squad members in its line up — John Hill, Grant Turner and Keith MacKay. It also shares coach Kevin Fallon with the national team.

Both Hanimex and Mount Wellington are in the top half of the National League table, and may challenge current title favorite Gisborne or Dunedin City.

Either will serve as a useful tour opener for the Victorians.

Christchurch United also appears unlikely to be among the honors this season, but must be rated as a tough nut to crack, including in its ranks New Zealand sweeper Bobby Almond, former Ipswich Town and Northern Ireland midfielder Pat Sharkey and ex-Victoria State League player Iain Marshall.

United has a proud record against touring teams, its most notable effort being a 2-2 draw with England "B" in 1978.

Its performances against Australian sides have been mixed though. In recent years United has been beaten by West Adelaide Hellas (0-1), Western Suburbs (1-2) and Brisbane City (3-4), drawn 3-3 with Illawarra Soccer Association and gained its solitary kangaroo scalp with a 2-0 success over Canberra Juventus back in 1973.

Should the tour go ahead, Hellas will provide a fascinating finale to a historic to a historic season in New Zealand.

— PAUL MOON

TOP KIWI CLUB TO PLAY FOUR MATCHES HERE

Hanimex North Shore United, which starts a whirlwind 10-day, four-match tour of Australia on July 28, boast a long, proud and honor-laden history.

By
PAUL MOON

The tour itinerary is:
June 28: v Sydney Olympic
July 30: v Wollongong
August 4: v Canberra City
August 7: v South Melbourne Hellas.

Formed in 1887, North Shore United — the Hanimex prefix was added in 1979 following a sponsorship deal with the camera equipment company, is New Zealand's oldest club.

With five Chatham Cup wins, 15 Auckland championships and one National League title to its credit, it is also one of the most successful.

No fewer than 22 North Shore players have represented New Zealand, including Ken Armstrong who also appeared for Chelsea and England.

Names equally familiar to Australian fans are those of Duncan Cole and Matt Guillea, later to enhance their reputations at Canberra City and Sydney's Western Suburbs respectively.

The contemporary United line up has few stars, being a solid, consistent and hard-working unit, typical of the combinations moulded by coach Don Jones.

Sweeper Adrian Elrick is the only current international in the team.

A valuable member of John Adshead's World Cup squad, he is a resolute defender who moves up to support the attack with great effect. He recently scored a spectacular 25-yard volleyed goal against Indonesia.

Keith Hobbs, a strong, aggressive midfielder, played for New Zealand against Sunderland in 1976 and during last year's disastrous Oceania Cup campaign.

Hobbs' midfield partner Neil Haines was a member of the New Zealand Secondary

Schools team which toured Australia in 1976. Last year he trialled with Stockport County in England.

One of the country's most dynamic forwards, Peter Henry endeavoured to further his career at Sydney City Hakoah last year, only to return home disappointed.

He is now determined to win a place in the Kiwi national team and prove the Bondi-based club wrong in releasing him. On current form this is a real possibility.

Henry, along with Adrian Elrick, is a leading contender for the Arcus Trophy, awarded to the National League's best and fairest player.

After a topsy-turvy career, goalkeeper Alan Gilchrist is now producing his best form and was instrumental in the 1-0 win at Gisborne City that kept North Shore in the National League title race.

Tony Scheirlinck played in all three games when New Zealand carried off last year's Oceania Youth Tournament.

A resourceful midfielder, his first team opportunities have been restricted by the consistency of Hobbs and Haines, but his opportunity will inevitably come.

In the course of the past two years Brian McKeown has emerged as a prolific goalscorer. He is particularly strong in the air and a large percentage of his goals come via the forehead.

Striking partner Kevin Weymouth made his international debut in 1975, the first of 23 caps including the two World Cup encounters with Australia two years later.

His career has been handicapped by a lack of dedication, but he retains the knack of putting the ball into the net.

Coach Don Jones has been likened to England's Brian

Clough, not only because of his undoubted ability as a tactician and motivator, but also due to his eagerness to provide the Press with outrageous comment.

A "Love Him or Hate Him.. character, Jones was voted

Auckland's Coach of the Year in 1980.

Recent stumbles by Gisborne City and Dunedin City have put Hanimex back into league title contention. They have qualified for the quarter finals of the Chatham Cup.

Adrian Elrick

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MRS DOCKERTY DIES

Mrs Harry Dockerty, wife of the late Victorian Soccer Federation president, died last Thursday, aged 89.

Mrs Dockerty was a guest at Dockerty Cup finals until last year.

The Cup — the oldest competition in Victorian soccer — is named after Harry Dockerty.

Iain Marshall at Christchurch

With so many Kiwis now established in the PSL, it is worth remembering an Australian who is prospering in the New Zealand National League.

Iain Marshall, (pictured) a native of Scotland, joined South Melbourne Hellas in 1970, following stints with Preston North End and Rotherham United in the English League.

After less than two years in Australia he was called up for the Socceroos' squad against Israel, but did not get a game.

Marshall spent five successful seasons with Hellas before moving on to Juventus. Here he stayed until 1976.

Transferring to New Zealand, Marshall joined Christchurch United and promptly helped them capture the 1978 League Championship.

A busy, constructive midfielder, he was outstanding playing for a Southern Regional select team which drew 1-1 with New Zealand during a trial game in May 1980.

This display had many critics urging his inclusion in the Kiwi's World Cup squad, but John Adshead already had a final team in mind and Marshall was not called upon.

Now 31 years of age, it appears that any chance of international representation has gone, but he is destined to be remembered as a player who gave invaluable service to clubs on both sides of the Tasman.

— PAUL MOON

CUMMINGS, LUTTON IN



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING

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SM-Hellas 4 APIA 1

Scorers: SM: Wooddin 29th., Evans 30th., 41st. & 65th.; APIA: Butler 73rd.
Venue: Middle Park.
Referee: Stewart Mellings 6.

Cautions: Butler, Soper (APIA), Davidson, Evans (SM).
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 - V. Bannon 8, Blair 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Davidson 8 - Stevenson 9, Shirra 9 (inj. sub Campbell 73rd), Rogers 6 - Wooddin 8, Evans 10, Buljevic 8.

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7 - McAusland 5, Wilson 8, Hughes 5, Pullen 5 - Zaccorner 5, Gray 7, Bradley 6, Butler 6 - O'Connor 7 (inj. sub Morsello 5, half time), Soper 5.

South Melbourne Hellas will reap the benefits of having a large squad when it goes to Wollongong on Sunday without

Alun Evans, Alan Davidson and Steve Blair.

Evans, who scored a brilliant hat-trick against APIA, is suspended, and the other two are in Fiji with the national team.

Duncan Cummings will take Evan's place alongside Steve Wooddin and Branko Buljevic in defence.

Billy Rogers will move back to Blair's stopper's position and George Campbell comes in to replace Rogers in midfield.

Bertie Lutton probably will play left back in Davidson's absence.

Hellas's other reserves are Roberto Trafficante and Socrates Nicolaides.

Hellas destroyed APIA completely and utterly.

John Margaritis put it kindly when he said: "The way we performed, no team in the country could have stopped us. My players all have class. They're very hard to hold when they're burning."

"All credit goes to them,"

he added. "They are a very intelligent bunch of players who see their mistakes early and correct them very quickly."

"My only criticism is that they seem to feel sorry for the opposition sometimes."

"They should punish the opponents when they have the chance, they should go in for the kill. That will come, I'm sure, because the boys have started performing to their maximum — and they'll continue to play that way."

Margaritis conceded however, that it would be difficult against Wollongong without Evans, Davidson and Blair on Sunday.

However, if midfielders Jim Shirra and John Stevenson play with the same verve they showed against APIA, Steve Wooddin, Cummings and Branko Buljevic should get enough opportunities to notch up another win.

Shirra, who has done mainly defensive work this season, pushed up adventurously against APIA, and was unlucky not to score with a shot that went within a whisker of the post.

But it was Evans who was the star of the match. As usual, he battled gamely against tight marking and was flattened repeatedly until he barged into the penalty area to create the first goal.

From then on he wrought havoc, assisted by Buljevic and Wooddin, and even came back into defence a couple of times, just to help out.

Steve Blair made some punishing runs from defence, full backs Vince Bannon and Alan

Davidson were excellent as usual, and goalkeeper Peter Laumets had virtually nothing to do.

APIA was never in it, especially after Phil O'Connor failed to reappear in the second half. Peter Wilson had to stretch himself the width of the park in the second half to prevent further goals by Hellas before the home team slowed down and finally coasted home.

Hellas left out George Campbell in order to include Billy Rogers in midfield.

Hellas scored its first score in the 29th minute but even before, managed many dangerous attacks in which Evans, Banno and Branko Buljevic were prominent.

The goalscoring move started with a lob forward from Alan Davidson. Evans chased it, beat off a challenge from Peter Wilson but was blocked by goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse. Evans covered and shot at goal and it was Wooddin who scored before the ball could be cleared.

Hellas went to a 2-0 lead only seconds later when Buljevic dummied to let a cross from Shirra go to Evans who headed it in.

A throw-in by Bannon on the right led to the third goal in 41st minute. The ball was thrown to Buljevic whose quick cross was turned into the goal by Evans, sliding in courageously under pressure from Mark Pullen.

It was almost 4-0 just before half time when Buljevic set up Wooddin for a close-range shot but Woodhouse saved well.

Tony Morsello replaced O'Connor at half time and moments later Woodhouse made another spectacular save to prevent an own goal by Wilson who had kicked the ball away deperately as Steve Blair charged into the penalty area.

Shirra and Wooddin narrowly missed goals before Evans headed the fourth from a Wooddin cross in 65th minute.

Terry Butler scored APIA's only goal when he found himself unmarked in the penalty area to head in a cross from the right in 73rd minute.

Shirra injured a leg and was replaced by Campbell just after that goal.

• Get out of my way!
Jim Shirra brushed aside Tony Morsello.

We'll beat Hellas: Morton

Wollongong 2 West Adelaide 1

Goals: Campbell, Fontana (W); Smythe (WA).
Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds.

Crowd: 4360
Referee: Henry Witschge 7.
WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 8 - Fleming 7, Bertogna 8, de Graaf 7, Ainsworth 9 - Adam 7, Dunleavy 8, Tredinnick 8 - Campbell 7, Fontana 8 (inj. sub Kay 80th), Latham 9.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 9 - Maricic 6, Kambas 6, Forde 6, Bozanic 6 - McGregor 7, Honeyman 7, Brown 6 - Manecas 5, Lorenzoni 5 (Marwe 70th), Smythe 7.

Wollongong has recaptured its spark, says coach Ken Morton. It will finish the season the way it started — full of fire, full of running, strong and tight, creative and deadly.

And South Melbourne Hellas will be the next victim, Morton says.

"We're full of confidence now," he said after beating West Adelaide Hellas.

"We'll beat South Melbourne, no risk. No, we're not going to draw — we're going to win."

Morton's confidence was boosted further when the news filtered through that Hellas star Alun Evans will be suspended from Sunday's game against Wollongong and that Alan Davidson and Steve Blair will be away with the World Cup team.

Jim McBreen, who was suspended last week, is available to play against Hellas, but Morton probably will avoid the temptation of changing the team, as it has been playing well.

John Lathan has been a big hit up front since being switched from midfield. Glen Fontana and Clive Campbell now have the support they lacked during the less successful weeks.

Jeff Ainsworth also has hit peak form. His attacking thrusts from left back have become a vital factor in Wollongong's play.

Ainsworth scored what looked like a brilliant headed goal, but the referee ruled that Chris Dunleavy — at the other side of the goal, and by no means interfering with play — was offside.

West Adelaide Hellas had honest battles in Graeme Honeyman and the skilful Vic



Knut Werner

MATCH RATING

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Smythe but it was goalkeeper Martyn Crook who kept them in the game.

Had it not been for his brilliant saves, Wollongong would have chalked up five or six.

It was Wollongong's first home win in 19 weeks.

The wolves fans had been waiting patiently since their team beat Footscray on March 1.

Wollongong always had full control of the game and goalkeeper Natch Vardareff did not have to make one real save in the full 90 minutes.

Clive Campbell put Wollongong ahead after a scoreless first half before Vic Smythe levelled for the Hawks with a gift goal.

The winner came from the head of striker Glen Fontana who connected with a John Lathan cross from the right wing.

Wollongong dominated the first half and West Adelaide goalkeeper Martyn Crook was kept busy.

The visitors' defence looked shaky at times but Wollongong could not capitalise on the openings.

Midfielders Lee Adam, Lathan and Chris Dunleavy were in full control, with the Wollongong defence playing with a lot of authority.

At centre half, Arno Bertogna had another big game while Peter Tredinnick showed plenty of dash on the left wing.

For West Adelaide, Manecas tried hard in attack while Crook looked safe and Graham Honeyman never stopped moving in midfield.

West Adelaide almost salvaged a draw in the last few minutes but Honeyman's cross flashed across the goal before unmarked replacement Robert Marwe could make contact.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

CROATIA 5 (H. Silva 2, M. Silva 2, Hensman) POLONIA 2 (A. Budini, Lemanczyk).

MELITA 3 (Jones, Martinez, Farrugia) NORTH SYDNEY 1 (Bottalico).

SUTHERLAND 1 (P. Bush) MANLY 0.

PARRAMATTA 2 (Brizuela, Montgomery) AVALA 1 (Scharfegger).

CANTERBURY 3 (R. Brown 2, Laws) BANKSTOWN 1 (Radovac).

AUBURN 2 (Pondekas, Quigley) RIVERWOOD 1 (McRorie).

ST GEORGE 3 (Marton, Duarte, Walker) MONARO 0.



Hilton Silva

Marton hits his 33rd, Silvas power Croatia

Croatia turned on yet another tantalising team performance in the New South Wales State League when they defeated Polonia 5-2 to stay hot on the heels of League leader St George.

After Polonia had battled gamely to draw level at 2-2 in the second half, Croatia produced a blitz in the last 25 minutes, scoring three goals and missing a couple of other chances.

Polonia opened the scoring after only five minutes against Croatia when forward Anito Budini broke away from the Croatia defence.

But only nine minutes later Hilton Silva moved in well to knock home a hard Peter Hensman cross and it was Hensman himself who put Croatia ahead seconds before half time when Marijan Kovacic put him through with a clever flicked pass.

Polonia created an equaliser out of almost nothing two minutes after the break when Stan Lemanczyk lobbed the Croatia goalkeeper, but before long the Croatia forwards took control, with two goals from Marcos Silva and another from Hilton Silva.

Hilton Silva's goal was a particularly fine effort, blasting the ball from 35 metres into the far corner of the net.

A great second half performance from Melita paved the way for their 3-1 win over North Sydney with goals from Terry Jones, Hector Martinez and midfielder Ray Farrugia through a penalty.

North Sydney had taken the lead after 13 minutes when Alex Bottalico scored from a penalty, but North Sydney's tactics consisted mainly of close marking for the rest of the game. But they were still over-run by a fine second half performance from the Eagles.

St. George strengthened their claim for re-admission to the Phillips League with a second half blitz to down a depleted Monaro 3-0 in Queanbeyan.

Early in the second half, Monaro, playing without four regular first graders, had mid-fielder Aldo Charles sent off for a foul tackle after earlier receiving a yellow card.

And St. George quickly rammed in three goals.

In the 58th minute, Dez Marton scored his 33rd goal for the season after receiving a good cross from John Davies to put the Saints ahead.

Within 10 minutes, St. George had added further goals through Dennis Duarte and Barry Walker to take a stranglehold on the match.

Without Bobby Noble, John Santolin, Tony Falzon and Ally Link, Monaro's task was an almost impossible one.

But the young side put up a sterling performance in the first half to frustrate the St. George attack.

Although displaying fine lead-up work, St. George was far from impressive in front of goal and both Ernie Campbell and Davies missed golden chances.

A Paul Bush goal after 15 minutes gave Sutherland a narrow 1-0 victory over Manly in a game that saw end-to-end with Manly fighting hard for an equaliser.

The other three games all had some influence on the bottom positions in the table, with Auburn's 2-1 victory over Riverwood leading the way.

Chris Pondekas opened the score for Auburn in the first half.

Under 11: Altona Gate v Clifton Hill, Clayton v Maidstone, Knox City v Sunshine City, Meadow Park v Box Hill A.

Under 12: Bell Park v St

Melb, Lyndale v Mooroolbark, Sunshine City v Clarinda, Albion Rovers v Essendon.

Under 13: St Melb v Nth Geelong, Northern Utd v Holland Park, Waverley City v Juventus, Eltham v Essendon.

Under 14: St Melb v Keilor, Waverley v Springvale City,

Thomastown v Meadow Park, Heidelberg v Nunawading.

Under 15: St Melb v Albion, Doveton v Doncaster, Fawkner v Essendon, Nuna City v St Albans v Clarinda.

Under 16: Port Melb v Crofton, Bellstar v St Melb, Clifton Hill v Hawthorn, Sunshine City v Mossfiel.



What's this — sympathy pains? Elaine Tansey lends some moral support to her injured husband Jim who's just out of hospital after an intricate leg operation which will keep him out of the Heidelberg team for quite a while. Picture by LES SHORROCK

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Our Fijian friends apparently decided that discretion was the better part of valor and politely declined to become involved.

"Besides," Mr. Musadilal said, "we are quite happy with the man who is in charge of the team right now."

Thus, what would undoubtedly has been the 'spiciest' soccer story of the year — if not the decade — did not eventuate.

But, all of us who were wondering where Rudi's next port of call will be, very nearly got the surprise of our lives.

And still we wait for Houseman . . .

Syd. C. Hakoah 3 Foots. JUST 0

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Scorers: Watson 9th, Boden 70th, Barnes 81st.

Conditions: Good. Crowd: 3427.

Referee: K. Allen — 7.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Bruce 7, O'Connor 7, Robertson 7, Cant 7, Spanos 7 (sub Gomez 86), Barnes 7, Patikas 7, Watson 9 (sub Lee 84th), Boden 8, Murray 8.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8, Kokantonis 6, O'Reilly 8, Kondarios 6, Hazabent 6, Jovanovic 7, Ilioski 7, Belic 7, Verwoj 6 (sub Kyriakoulas 63rd), Cozzella 7, Lujic 7.

The Slickers got off to a great start when Joe Watson crashed home a fine goal following some fine work on the left by Willie Murray.

At the present time "Jinkin' Joe" is in terrific form and indeed one of the best ball manipulators in Australian soccer.

Both sides had a number of chances in the first 45 minutes with the best falling to Bruno Cozzella for Footscray and Ken Boden for the Slickers.



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING

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Unfortunately for their teams the finishing efforts of these two fine players were off target and the Slickers led by the solitary goal at the break.

In the second half the Slickers put it together and goals by Ken Boden in the 70th and Murray Barnes in the 81st minutes gave them the valuable victory they were looking for.

Slickers coach Eddie Thomson had Joe Watson and Willie Murray operating on the flanks in this game and it brought memories of the Slickers of yesteryear.

These two brilliant ball players caused havoc with the Footscray defence and Steve Kokantonis and Igor Hazabent had no answer to them.

Brilliant Soccerroo striker Ken Boden had a fine game despite being under great pressure from injury.

Boden is carrying a very badly damaged achilles heel and he said after the game that had John Kosmina been fit and played, he would have withdrawn from the team.

But like a true professional, Boden put his team first and turned in a blinder.

"I'm just a day-to-day prospect at present and badly need a rest to repair my tendon," he confided after the game.

"I don't know how long I can continue like this, but every game is so important I just don't want to pull out and leave the boys in the lurch."

Australian soccer need more players with the attitude and calibre of Ken Boden.

The injury bug has hit the Slickers at the wrong time and with South Melbourne breathing down their necks they need a fit Boden and Kosmina (who missed the game with a damaged groin) in action in the remaining games.

The Slickers' management have not given up hope of securing the "Invisible man", Argentinian Rene Houseman.

But like Christmas he takes a long time in coming.

Hermiston misses penalty

Brisbane C 1 Brisbane Lions 0

Scorer: P. Wilkinson 62nd.

Ground: Spencer Park.

Weather: Fine.

Crowd: Abt. 5000.

Referee: Tim Davies 8.

Cautions: Hermiston (BL).

BRISBANE CITY — Wishart 9, Perry 7, Dunne 8, Ratcliffe 8, W. Wilkinson 8, Gaffney 8, McVeigh 8, Hamilton 7, Conner 7, P. Wilkinson 7, Kelso 7 (Palinkas 82nd).

BRISBANE LIONS — Lownds 6, Hermiston 7, Bennett 7, Niven 7, Ferris 6, Hogg 6, McLean 6, Low 6, Daunt 6 (Wilson 75th), Williamson 8.

Goalkeeper Kim Wishart played in his first PSL match of the season and emerged the hero in this revenge victory over Brisbane Lions.



Bruce Waddell

MATCH RATING

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Lions won the first round match 1-0 and the record between the clubs since 1977 is four wins each and two draws.

Wishart has been kept out of the side by Martin Coe this season but got his chance when Coe broke two fingers at training during the week.

The burly keeper did not put a foot wrong all day and he capped his fine performance

by making two match-winning saves from the industrious Billy Williamson in the dying minutes.

Jim Hermiston, the lone player booked, could not even put a penalty past Wishart, which would have earned a draw, in the 85th minute.

Steve Perry was pinched for handball and Hermiston knocked his attempt against the post, then was penalised when he followed up to Hammer in the rebound.

City had midfielder Frank Pimblett under suspension and also lost youngster David Vincenzino, who was sent off in a reserve match the day before.

But ironically it was in the midfield where City triumphed, with John McVeigh dropping back from the front line to combine into an effective unit with Larry Gaffney and Bobby Hamilton.

Big Barry Kelso also played his first match for some time and his energy caused the frustration which led to Hermiston's rare booking.

Referee Davies had warned Hermiston over a couple of fouls and obviously had made up his mind to flash the yellow card when Willie Conner went down in a perfectly legitimate tackle.

To make matters worse for Lions, the resultant free kick from Billy Wilkinson led to Paul Wilkinson heading in his ninth goal of the season at the far post.

The unlucky goalkeeper w Tony Scanlan, who had replaced the injured Nigel Lownds at halftime.

Lions failed in too many departments, the basic reason for their first loss in nine outings under coach Joe Gilroy.

BYRNE BANNED IN BASHING BY 'BERGERS

47 58 73 89
Canberra 1
Heidelberg 5

Goals: Can: Purdie, H. Berg; Cole 2, Paton 2, Tasevski.
CANBERRA: Hoszowski 9, M. O'Shea 7, Williams 7, Cole 7, J. O'Shea 8, Byrne 7 (Massa 70th), Moutsopoulos 7, Gibson 7 (Valeri 62nd), McLaren 8, Brennan 7, Purdie 7.
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, McMillan 9, Yzendoorn 8, Selemidis 7, Yankos 8, Rooney 8, Campbell 7, Bozidakis 8 (Tasevski), Provan 7, Paton 8, Cole 8.
Ref: Tony Boskovic.
Cautions: Byrne (yellow card)
Crowd: 4060.



Peter Windsor

MATCH RATING 8

So much of their second-half dominance (Canberra's defensive mistakes aside) was made possible by a well-taken goal less than one minute into the half by big Soccerroo striker, Gary Cole.
It came from a set-play.
Defender John Yzendoorn, who had a big game, floated over a well-taken free kick that nobody in Canberra's defence reached and Cole was able to gather the ball on the far side and glide it past Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski as Hoszowski came out to narrow the angle.
It was Cole who also did the damage in the 58th minute with another well-taken goal — and another defensive lapse.

Canberra then dropped its bundle.
Terry Byrne, injured in the opening 10 minutes, was again hurt in the second half and was replaced by John Massa in the 70th minute.
Murray also replaced Ian Gibson with Walter Valeri as Valeri, plagued in recent weeks by injury, badly needs match fitness.

Neither move worked.
Massa tried hard to fulfill a sweeper role and Valeri tried hard to break down Heidelberg's defence.
But Heidelberg was strong in both defence and attack.
Old campaigners, Jimmy Rooney and Arthur McMillan,

particularly the latter, had a magnificent second half.
So, too, did Charlie Yankos and John Yzendoorn. This backline and midfield revival, coupled with Canberra's collapse and Cole and Paton's constant running, was what made all of the difference in the second half.

Unselfishly, when having a chance at a hat-trick, Cole gave the ball to Paton in the 73rd minute and the strikes obliged by scoring.

From then on it was one-way traffic, although one expected 3-1 to be the final score-line.

Then came Heidelberg's remarkable final goals in the last 60 seconds.

Paton got the first of them and then Tommy Tasevski right on full-time, hit a great, 30-metre thunderbolt that gave Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski no chance.

Hoszowski, in fact, could not be blamed for any of the goals. In fact the opposite was true. Without his brilliance it could easily have been six or seven & such was Heidelberg's second-half dominance.

Murray so rightly pointed the finger at his defence for making fundamental errors of fiddling at the last point of resistance and marking inside rather than at the back of forwards — particularly strong runners like Gary Cole.

For Heidelberg it was a remarkable victory that could see them regain their form of old.

For Canberra it was a tragedy that really ends their bid to give front-runners Sydney City and South Melbourne a real run for their money.

And this Sunday they face Footscray J.U.S.T. in Melbourne — without Byrne through automatic suspension as he got a yellow card, and Tony Brennan who will be on Australian squad duty.



Paul Burrows' boot comes perilously close to the head of Buggy Nyskohus. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

Jankovics goals just in time

Marconi 2 Olympic 1

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 7319
Referee: G. Power 7
Scorers: Johnston 29, Jankovics 56, Katholos 84.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Brogan 7, Degney 7, Henderson 6, Jankovics 7, Byrne 8, Sharne 8, Johnston 7, (Piccane 84), Krncevic 6, Mariani 7, Hunter 8, (Housseini 52).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 7, Moulis 7, Scott 7, Raskopoulos 8, Rowden 7, Wilson 7, Laing 7, (Jamieson 85), Gavin 6, (Townson 74), Cotton 7, Ratholos 7, Jennings 7.

This was a great match that had the crowd on their toes

until the final whistle. Marconi had clearly the better of play but Sydney Olympic always looked dangerous and indeed for the last 10 minutes they had Marconi on the ropes.

Marconi started at a brisk pace whereas Olympic had trouble getting on the move.

Marconi had two first-rate shots, Sharne with only one minute on the clock and Gary Byrne from 20m in the 10th minute whereas we had to wait to the 22nd minute before Olympic could get one in.

Marconi's play was typified by short passes which always seemed to find their man.

With this sort of precision it was no surprise when Marconi netted.

The goal came after Mariani had knocked it into the middle



Ted Smithies

MATCH RATING 8

to where Sharne tapped it across the box to unmarked Stuart Johnston. Johnston calmly took his time and slotted it home under the diving Wilson.

The home crowd erupted and screamed for more and Marconi did their best to oblige as only one minute later Sharne knocked one in from the left to Johnston whose header only just cleared the bar.

Marconi continued to look dangerous and Ian Hunter nearly made it 2-0 in the 40th minute when he hit a rebound over his head. Unfortunately for him and Marconi it was a few inches over the bar.

In the 43rd minute Sharne looked to be on his way to scoring. He did everything right except his 20m shot smashed onto the post and Olympic were still in the hunt.

This was well and truly brought home to Marconi only a minute later when Peter Raskopoulos shaved the point off the post with a 20m free kick.

Marconi started the second half in much the same style as they showed before the break. There was however a brittleness about their defence. There had been signs of this earlier but it increased as the second half progressed.

It was therefore timely that they made it 2-0 in the 56th minute.

This goal came with a free only five metres to the left of the box. Gary Byrne took the kick and blasted it across the goal mouth to where Mark Jankovics managed to deflect it past keeper Wilson.

This goal really stunned Olympic into life and they began to pressure Marconi.

This pressure reached a peak after Peter Kotholos scored in the 74th minute off a 20m drive.

From that time until the end it was Olympic which was streaming forward. Marconi on the other hand were tending to panic which in turn did a lot to assist Olympic.

A fair result would have been a draw but Olympic, as with so many of their matches this year, could not find the net and so Marconi gratefully accepted the two points for the win.

Brown, Lucchesi turn the tables

Makedonia 3 Newcastle 1

Goals: Mak: Lucchesi 45th, Brown 49th, Flavell 72nd, Newc: Heys 11th.
Referee: Jim Fearn 7.
Cautions: Heys, Senkalski (N), McMillan (Mak).
Crowd: 3000.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 - Rainey 8, McMillan 8, Petrovski 7, Beech 7 - Farrell 8, Boyle 7, Flavell 7, Whitte 7 - Lucchesi 8, Brown 9.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD: Dando 7 - Curran 7, Drinkwater 8, Mason 8, H. Tredinick 7 - Senkalski 8, Sumner 7, Jones 7 - Heys 8, (Stamp 72nd), Mountford 7, Kamasz 7.

Makedonia ended a run of 12

games without a win by defeating Newcastle 3-1 at Connor Reserve.

The visitors took the lead after 11 minutes through Graham Heys and defended strongly for half an hour but goals just before and after half time lifted Makedonia and the team went on to avenge the 0-4 defeat suffered in Newcastle in April.

Heys' goal for Newcastle was superbly executed.
He latched onto a free kick by Steven Sumner, turned under pressure and smashed the ball past Richard Wilson from inside the penalty area.

Makedonia took the upper hand from then on but its two-man attack — Doug Brown and Claude Lucchesi — lacked height, enabling Craig Mason



Dick Prendergast

MATCH RATING 8

to deal with most of the crosses into the area with ease.

However a slip just before half time by Howard Tredinick allowed Makedonia to equalise.

The Newcastle fullback handled the ball just outside the box and Lucchesi rose to head home the free kick taken by Isaac Farrell.

Four minutes into the second half Brown broke on a through ball to hammer home Makedonia's second.

Brown had a superb game on the left wing, giving Col Curran plenty of problems.

Curran, the former Soccerroo, was making a return to the side after several months of being sidelined with injury.

He took the place of fullback Paul Reaney who missed his first game of the season after pulling a muscle at training in midweek.

After Brown's goal, Newcastle opened up in search of the equaliser, leaving them-

selves exposed at the back and keeper Phil Dando twice came to the rescue before Makedonia scored the third goal through Gordon Flavell in the 72nd minute.

Farrell again started the move crossing from the right, Alan Whittle backheeled the ball into Flavell's path and the midfielder toe-poked it home.

Referee Jim Fearn booked three players — Heys, George McMillan and Joe Senkalski — but the match was never dirty and the Makedonia supporters left the ground happy for a change.

The win keeps Makedonia in the race to avoid relegation while for Newcastle the defeat was the first under caretaker coach Ray Baartz.

Eight cards not enough



David Mitchell in action against Blacktown.

Blacktown 1 Syd. C. Hakoah 0

Referee: Gary Power 8
Yellow cards: Pointer 18', Mullen 37', Watson 39', O'Connor 40', Rassmussen 53', Barnes 55', Hormazabal 55', Spanos 82'.
Crowd: 1,200

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, Spanos 8, O'Connor 7, Bruce 6, Patikas 6, Watson 5, Barnes 5, Boden 5, Cant 5 (Gomez 78'), Souness 6.

BLACKTOWN: James 8, Wheatley 6, Rassmussen 6, Djordjevic 6, Pointer 7, Selva 7, Hormazabal 6, Turner 5, Krstic 7, O'Donnell 6, Burrows 8.

Sydney City Hakoah fumbled against Blacktown at Marconi Stadium but could not find a way through this tightly packed defence and in the end lost by a single goal scored by Blacktown's Yugoslav import Branislav Krstic.

Blacktown applied pressure from the start and seldom allowed its opponent to venture forward and threaten James. In fact James was the extra defender, coming out quite often to boot the ball away as a through pass eluded Blacktown's back four and sailed across the park towards the Demons goal.

James was on the spot to dive at the feet of two Sydney



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING 7

City forwards in the 95th minute to save what looked like an equaliser. He is definitely the most consistent of the Demons players and largely responsible for Blacktown City's stability at the back.

Speedy Jovan Djordjevic was superb in his new position as a sweeper while O'Donnell, Krstic, Hormazabal and Selva completely outplayed the Slickers' midfield for better part of the game.

Unable to break through this wall of red and black defenders some of the City players got over enthusiastic while tackling and earned yellow cards. During the space of three minutes close to half time, referee, Gary Power booked Kevin Mullen, Joe Watson and Steve O'Connor.

Some of my colleagues in the Press box got annoyed

over the number of yellow cards given during the game and had some unkind things to say about the ref. It is totally unfair and unwarranted. In fact, had the referee booked a few more players and sent a few others off, we might have had a better situation.

Many times the ball was kicked away. After the referee's whistle had gone and at least one player was guilty of that offence on three occasions. The same player never stopped complaining to the referee and if a mistake was made by the ref, then it is clearly just ONE — he should have sent the chatter boxes and offenders off the field of play!

Rassmussen, Hormazabal and Pointer received yellow cards for the Demons while Barnes and Spanos joined the previously mentioned trio to make it Sydney City 5, Demons 3 — yellow cards, that is.

Apart from the glut of yellow cards, we saw some entertaining football, with Blacktown always holding the edge. As early as the 10th minute, Paul Burrows made a break, then crossed to the far post for Hormazabal but the midfielder took time to control the ball and allowed 'Rocky' O'Connor to clear.

In the 21st minute Blacktown made yet another break. Jovan Djordjevic picked up

the ball some 30 metres from his own line, and ran past a couple of players before pushing the ball along the touchline for Krstic.

He passed to Burrows who rounded the fullback, and crossed to the far end of the penalty area for Brian O'Donnell to slam a low cross into the area. Krstic was on hand to tuck the ball wide of Clarke and make it 1-0.

It was a superb move which deserved a goal and the new man showed just how deadly he could be.

Murray Barnes, then Jim Patikas had their efforts well saved by James following this goal, but no further chances fell either way before the end of the first half.

Jim Cant should have done better in the 59th minute following Kevin Mullen's cross, but with the goal wide open and only James to beat, Cant screwed his header wide of the post.

Brian Turner lobbed Steve O'Connor to face Clarke in the 66th but skied the ball over the bar from a very good position.

Sydney City threw caution to the wind in the last quarter of an hour but almost paid for it as the Demons created a couple of sitters in that period. Brian O'Donnell twice had only Clarke to beat but his shots went wide.

Blacktown leaves West in danger



Meno Tousidis

MATCH RATING 4

Adel. C. 0
Blacktown 0

Cautions: Hormazabal (Blacktown)
Crowd: 3,700
Ground: Olympic Sports Field

Referee: Bob Kerr 7
ADELAIDE CITY JUVEN-TUS: Pryzbylski 6 - Russell 8, Millef 7, (Northcote) Jones 7, B. Nyskohus 8 - Villani 7, Marocchi 7, Melta 7 - Nyskohus 7, Mitchell 8, Fashanu 8.

BLACKTOWN: James 8 - Wheatley 8, Djordjevic 7, Pointer 7, Rassmussen 7 - Hormazabal 7, Selva 7, Turner 7 (Jones), O'Donnell 8 - Krstic 7, Burrows 8.

Rale Rasic's defensive brand of soccer brought him a bonus against Adelaide City.

Not only did it enable Blacktown to pull four points clear of West Adelaide which now looks doomed to relegation, but the 0-0 draw must be seen as something of a moral win for him against his old side.

This match is one Bob D'Ottavi and Adelaide City will want to forget in a hurry. And so too will the spectators.

They were bored silly by dour, drab, defensive Blacktown which also did an excessive amount of time wasting.

But Adelaide City had only itself to blame for not winning the match.

When it had Blacktown on the verge of collapse, it wasted three or four good opportunities.

City was also hampered by some bad luck.

Justin Fashanu could have put City ahead in the 50th minute but he headed against the bar.

The rebound fell to Bobby Russell who headed it powerfully back into goal, but the ball was blocked on the line.

For the first time in the match, City appeared to have found a way through Blacktown's off-side trap but despite the opportunities it still could not score.

David Mitchell belted the ball high over the bar and Fashanu slammed it wide; both players were guilty of over enthusiasm.

Brian Northcote who had come on as a substitute probably had the best chance when he sprinted into the penalty area but he shot straight at Bruce James who did well to gather the shot cleanly.

City ran out of ideas towards the end when it was most vulnerable because Blacktown began to put together some dangerous moves.

Fortunately for City, Blacktown also had the jitters in front of goal.

Two of the best players on the ground were Youth and Senior internationals - City's David Mitchell and Blacktown's Robert Wheatley.

Mitchell played his typical, robust game while Wheatley played aggressively from defence.

The player with the easiest job all day was Blacktown sweeper Jovan Djordjevic who reduced the match to walking pace - literally.

He was a vital player in Rasic's defensive strategy.

The nearest Blacktown came to scoring was late in the second half when Stewart Selva belted a shot into the side netting.

PHILIPS YOUTH LEAGUE

Blacktown 1 (Pollard) Sydney City Hakoah 1 (Vale) — midweek.

Marconi 3 (Carbone, P. Scheinflug, Muir) Sydney Olympic 2 (Ankudinoff 2).

Australian Sports Institute (AIS) 2 (Wright, McLachlan) Sydney City Hakoah 5 (Tessera, De Marigny, Vale, Fletcher).

Canberra City 2 (Nouisan 2) Wollongong 0.

Blacktown 0 Newcastle KB Utd 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	18	12	4	2	49	17	28
APIA	17	12	3	2	42	20	27
AIS	21	11	3	7	56	37	25
Newcastle KB	18	8	7	3	34	29	23
Syd. C. Hakoah	18	6	7	5	40	26	19
Syd. Olympic	19	6	6	7	27	23	18
Wollongong	20	6	2	12	23	47	14
Blacktown	17	2	3	12	21	42	7
Canberra	16	1	1	14	12	63	3

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PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Figures in brackets denote last week's position on the ladder.

		HOME					AWAY						
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1.	(1) Sydney City Hakoah	9	2	0	27	9	5	1	5	10	11	37:20	31
2.	(2) *South Melbourne Hellas	8	2	1	17	8	2	7	1	12	11	29:19	29
3.	(5) Adelaide C. Juventus	7	1	4	18	12	4	3	3	17	12	35:24	26
4.	(3) *APIA-Leichhardt	6	3	1	15	7	4	3	4	12	14	27:23	26
5.	(4) Canberra City	4	4	3	18	13	5	3	3	11	7	29:20	25
6.	(7) Brisbane City	8	2	1	18	4	1	5	5	6	13	24:16	25
7.	(6) *Brisbane Lions	7	3	1	17	6	0	6	4	9	13	26:19	23
8.	(9) Wollongong	3	6	2	15	13	3	5	4	10	9	25:22	23
9.	(8) Newcastle KB United	4	4	3	19	11	5	1	5	12	18	31:29	23
10.	(10) *Marconi Datsun	6	2	3	14	13	3	2	5	5	15	29:28	22
11.	(13) *Heidelberg Alexander	3	2	5	10	12	4	2	5	21	21	31:33	18
12.	(11) *Sydney Olympic	5	4	2	17	13	1	2	8	13	25	30:38	18
13.	(12) Footscray JUST	5	4	2	15	11	1	1	9	5	27	20:38	17
14.	(14) Preston Makedonia	4	4	3	17	12	1	2	8	22	25:34	16	
15.	(15) Blacktown City	3	3	5	14	16	1	4	6	11	18	25:34	15
16.	(16) West Adelaide Hellas	3	2	5	11	11	1	1	10	9	25	20:36	11

*Match in hand.

TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

WISHART (1)
(Brisbane City)

McMILLAN (4)
(Heidelberg)

RATCLIFFE (2)
(Brisbane City)

AINSWORTH (3)
(Wollongong)

WATSON (4)
(Syd. C. Hakoah)

STEVENSON (2)
(Sth Melb Hellas)

SHIRRA (2)
(Sth Melb. Hellas)

LATHAN (2)
(Wollongong)

BURROWS (4)
(Blacktown)

EVANS (5)
(Sth Melb Hellas)

BROWN (4)
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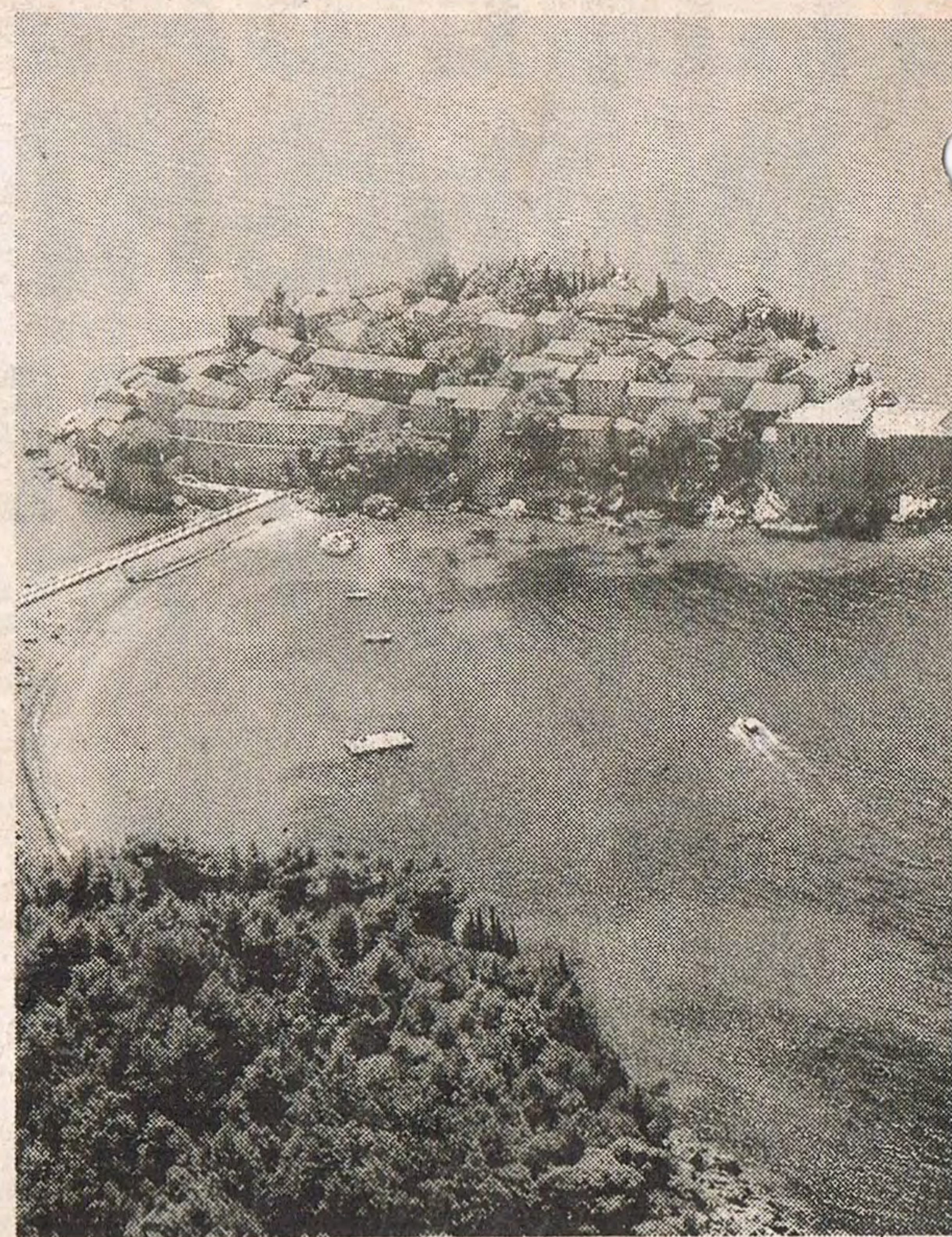
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

WOLLONGONG 2 (Campbell, Fontana) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Smythe) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Votes by Knut Werner:

6. Ainsworth (W), 5. Latham (W), 4. Crook (WA), 3. Tredinick (W), 2. Dunleavy (W), 1. Fontana (W).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Evans 3, Wooddin) APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (Butler) at Middle Park. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Evans (SM), 5. Stevenson (SMA), 4. Shirra (SM), 3. Bannon (SM), 2. Buljevic (SM), 1. Wooddin (SM).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (P. Wilkinson) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Spencer Park. Votes by Bruce Waddell:

6. Wishard (BC), 5. Ratcliffe (BC), 4. Dunne (BC), 3. Gaffney (BC), 2. Williamson (BL), 1. McVeigh (BC).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Watson, Boden, Barnes) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Watson (SC), 5. Boden (SC), 4. Murray (SC), 3. Boland JUST), 2. O'Reilly (JUST), 1. Robertson (SC).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Votes by Meno Toutsidia:

6. B. Nyskohus (AC), 5. Mitchell (AC), 4. Wheatley (B), 3. Burrows (B), 2. Russell (AC), 1. O'Donnell (B).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (Lucchesi, Brown, Flavell) NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Heys) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Dick Prendergast:

6. Brown (Mak), 5. Lucchesi (Mak), 4. Senkalski (N), 3. Farrell (Mak), 2. Mason (N), 1. Rainey (Mak).

BLACKTOWN 1 (Krstic) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 at Marconi Stadium (midweek). Votes by Roger Sherack:

6. Burrows (B), 5. Djordjevic (B), 4. Spanos (SC), 3. James (B), 2. Krstic (B), 1. Mullen (SC).

MARCONI-DATSON 2 (Johnston, Jankovics) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Katholos) at Marconi Stadium. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Byrne (M), 5. Sharne (M), 4. Raskopoulos (SO), 3. Hunter (M), 2. Jankovics (M), 1. Katholos (SO).

CANBERRA CITY 1 (Purdie) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 5 (Cole 2, Paton 2, Tasevski) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Hoszowski (C), 5. McMillan (H), 4. Yzendoorn (H), 3. McLaren (C), 2. Yankos (H), 1. J. O'Shea. (C).

Leaders:

66. Mitchell (AC)

64. Hermiston (BL)

57. Bennett (BL)

56. Crook (WA)

55. Byrne (Can)

51. Boland (JUST)

49. Evans (SM), Dunleavy (Well)

48. Bertogna (Well), O'Connor, Wilson (APIA)

46. Burrows (Black)

Top scorers:

10. Boden, Barnes (SC)

9. Evans (SM), P. Wilkinson (BC)

8. Ollerton (Mak), Cole (H'berg), Mitchell, J. Nyskohus (AC)

7. Kosmina (SC), Christopoulos (SM), Paton (H'berg), Koussas (SO), Soper (APIA).

J.U.S.T. strikes back

APIA'S turn for title tilt

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Fabulous Footscray J.U.S.T. and Murray's Maestros clash at Schintler Reserve on Sunday and if anyone's game to predict the outcome they can write to me c/o "Soccer Action", 603 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, 3000.

I always said that JUST would come good in fact I knew that the early relegation fears which swept the club were completely unfounded.

I don't know why some journalists continually referred to the Victorian State League clubs waiting to vie to take JUST's place in the 1982 PSL. I mean, it was obvious, wasn't it, that Cedo Cirkovic's coaching methods and the quality and depth of JUST's playing staff were too good for the lower rungs of the PSL ladder.

Once Zdravko Lujic returned from Yugoslavia and the rest of JUST's players returned from their playing holiday in soccer's Siberia there were no nagging doubts remaining about the club's ability to surge up the table.

Steve Kakantonis finally found a place in PSL soccer, strangely though as a defender, not as a forward where he played as a junior and forced his way into South Melbourne Hellas's first team squad before transferring to JUST this season.

And Johan Verweij seems to be running into top form up front.

But Canberra still entertains slim hopes of topping the PSL table at the end of an arduous season.

With South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney City slipping up in recent weeks the title race is open.

I've fluctuated this year from Canberra to Adelaide City to Sydney City. And I've

given South Melbourne Hellas a plug from time to time. I think I've successfully covered the title contenders but I had my doubts about a month ago. I wondered how I could start saying good things about Brisbane City. But now the Brisbane boys are out of sight and out of mind. APIA Leichhardt looms on the championship horizon. I'll have to work out some way of manoeuvring Willie Wallace's Wanders team into my calculations.

Anyway back to Schintler Reserve. No way am I going to separate two of my favorite PSL sides. I'm trying to balance on the fence but it gets higher as the season draws to an exciting climax. Let's say neither side deserves to lose.

Marconi's heavy commitment to Australia's World Cup clash with Fiji has led to a postponement of Sunday's planned Olympic Park battle with old rival Heidelberg.

Preston Makedonia's problems won't be eased by its trip to Lambert Park to face APIA on Sunday.

Phil O'Connor and Terry Butler will struggle to overcome injuries received two weeks ago against Wollongong but Marshall Soper and Tony Morsello will give Makedonia's defenders plenty to worry about.

Peter Wilson won't want to get caught in a one-on-one confrontation with Doug Brown whose speed and close ball



Believe it or not. Brilliant Footscray J.U.S.T. keeper Dennis Boland heads clear, foiling an Adelaide City attack.

skills could worry the APIA sweeper.

But the home side, spurred on by its title tilt, should appease its Italian followers by taking both points.

South Melbourne Hellas has to break down Wollongong's defensive discipline at the Wollongong Showgrounds on Sunday.

It's like a New Zealand benefit game with Steve Wooddin, Clive Campbell and Billy de Graff on display.

Wooddin's the pick of the three and should play a prominent part in a Hellas win.

Sydney City could drop an important point in the championship race when it travels to Richlands Stadium on Sunday to confront Brisbane Lions.

Adelaide City's recent slump won't end at the International Sports Field on Sunday when Newcastle KB take on Bob D'Ottavi's side.

KB has plenty to thank caretaker coach Ray Baartz for. And the players should give Baartz's shortlived senior coaching career another boost by beating the visitors.

Blacktown is making a desperate bid to climb clear of the

dreaded relegation zone. Rale Rasic's side should snatch a valuable point from Brisbane City at Gabbie Stadium on Sunday.

It won't surprise me to see West Adelaide take the points from its clash with Sydney Olympic at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

West has made it clear that it intends to go down fighting.

And Olympic's defence shouldn't pose too many problems. West should create a few clear scoring chances. The rest is up to strikers Manecas, Aldo Lorenzoni and Vic Smythe.

ADELAIDE CITY FOR THE CUP!

One of the dreams of the 1981 Philips Cup promoters will come true at Hindmarsh Stadium, next Wednesday, July 29, when Adelaide City and West Adelaide clash in their cup semi-final set for a 7.30 pm kick-off.

You couldn't wish for a better draw — a semi-final and a derby match rolled into one and served up to what should be a large, enthusiastic crowd.

Forget about the gap between these sides on the PSL ladder. This is a make or break situation, a sudden death contest, and spurred on by a last chance to salvage glory from this season both sides should stand and deliver for the full 90 minutes.

It could be a case of who breaks first, I've been impressed by Adelaide City throughout this season and I see no reason to change. Bob D'Ottavi can have the honor of leading his charges into the glamorous Philips Cup Final in his first stint as a PSL coach.

And I expect Adelaide City to go one step further and win the Philips Cup!

While recent league efforts have seen Adelaide City's championship drive wane the organisation and attacking flair of D'Ottavi's outfit makes it one of the most exciting sides in the land.

Flair is the keynote here. David Mitchell, Charlie Villani and Johnny Nyskohus are creative, intelligent players with the ability to produce the unpredictable, lethal touch which is the hallmark of most successful cup sides.

I believe that Mitchell won't return from Australia's World Cup clash with Fiji until the day of this game but he's an integral part of Adelaide City's plans.

There won't be much between these sides at the finish but I'm tipping Adelaide City to continue along the road to cup glory.

IN MELBOURNE

Footscray J.U.S.T. v Canberra (draw) at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — J.U.S.T. 3-0, 1-0. 1978 — Canb. 2-1, 1-1. 1979 — J.U.S.T. 3-0, Canb 2-1. 1980 — Canb. 1-0, 0-0. 1981 — Canb 5-0. Advantage Canberra 4 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses. Goals: 11:10.

IN SYDNEY

Blacktown v Brisbane (draw) at Gabbie Stadium, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 — Black. 3-1, 2-1. 1981 — Bris. C. 2-1.

APIA LEICHHARDT v Preston Makedonia at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous result: 1981 — PM 3-1.

IN BRISBANE

Briabane Lions v Sydney City (draw) at Richlands Stadium, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — SC 4-0, 2-0. 1978 — Lions 3-1, 1-1. 1979 — SC 2-1, 1-1. 1980 — Lions 2-1, 1-1. 1981 — 1-1. Advantage Sydney City 3 wins, 4 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 13:10.

IN NEWCASTLE

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED v Adelaide City at International Sports Field, Sunday 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1978 — 2-1, 1-1. 1979 — 0-0, 0-0. 1980 — Newc. 3-1, 3-1. 1981 — ACA 4-1. Advantage Newcastle 2 wins, 4 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 10:9.

IN WOLLONGONG

Wollongong v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 — Hellas 1-0.

IN ADELAIDE

WEST ADELAIDE v Sydney Olympic at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 — WA 4-0, 1-0. 1978 — WA 4-2, SO 1:0. 1979 — SO 2-0, 0-0. 1981 — SO 3-1. No advantage. Goal advantage West Adelaide: 10:8.

MARCELO PLAYED FOR ARGENTINA

Marcelo Houseman, the 20-year-old brother of Argentine World Cup star, Rene Houseman, played 16 matches for the Argentine under 21 team and nine for the South American under 21 squad.

He said the two teams were specially selected from what officials considered were the players of the future, adding that current World champion Diego Maradona played for the South American under 21 eleven when he was 17.

Houseman said Australian soccer was much faster and much harder than in Argentina, and there was more accent here on body contact than on ball playing.

From lager to Lions

Joe Gilroy, the successful coach of Brisbane Lions, ran a highly profitable hotel in Glasgow, before deciding the Australian way of life was a much better environment in which to bring up his children.

Gilroy is best known in Scotland for his coaching stint at the amateur Queen's Park club, where he was credited with developing several outstanding youngsters, some of whom went on to sign with English clubs.

He also is a qualified school teacher and was on the verge of accepting a teaching position in Brisbane before accepting the Lions coaching offer.

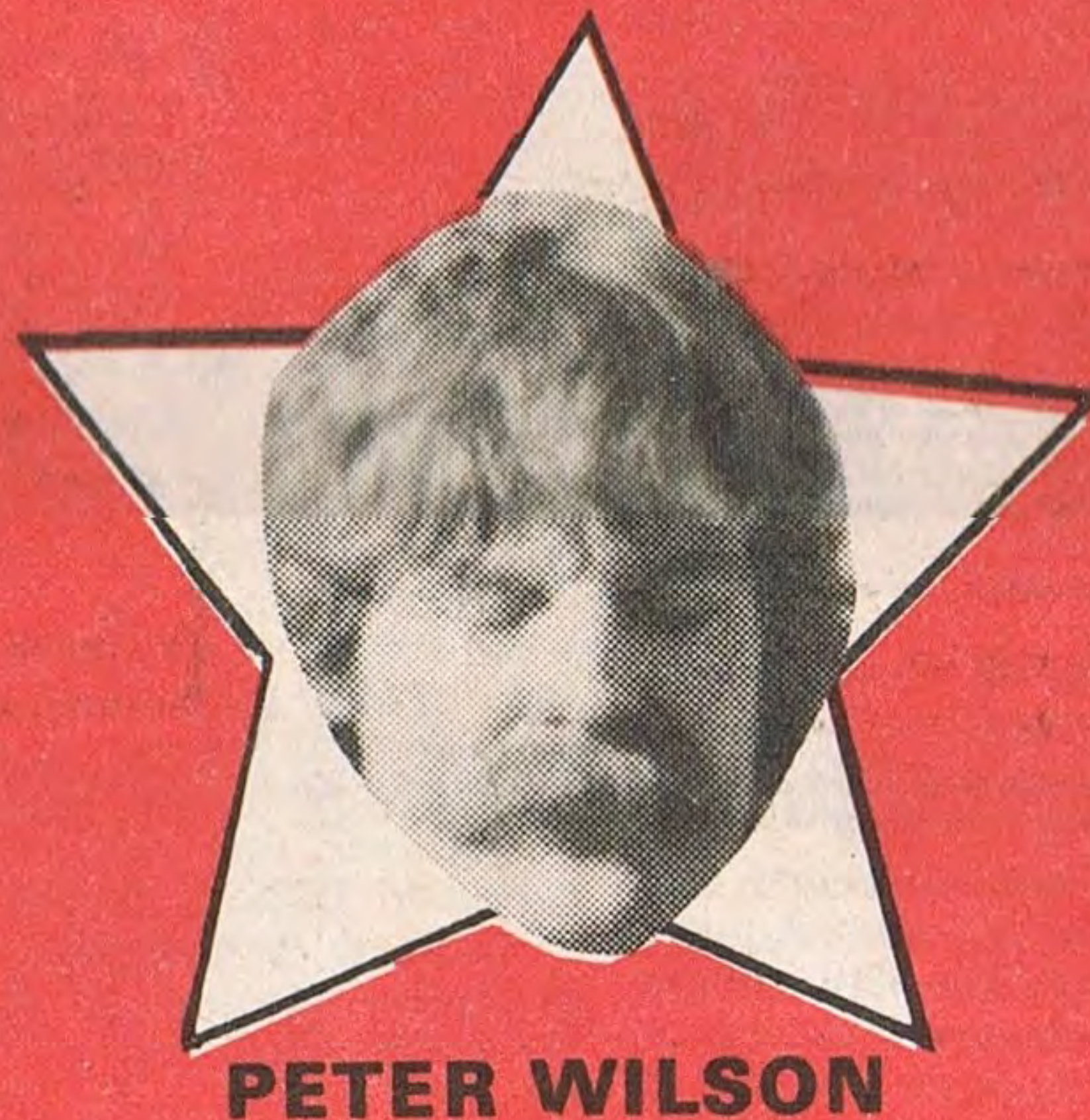
NEW PSL DATES

Dates of postponed Philips League matches:

Wednesday, August 12, 3 pm: Brisbane City v. South Melbourne Hellas at Spencer Park, Brisbane.

Friday, August 28: Heidelberg v. Brisbane Lions at Olympic Park.

LEICHHARDT is having its best season in the PSL



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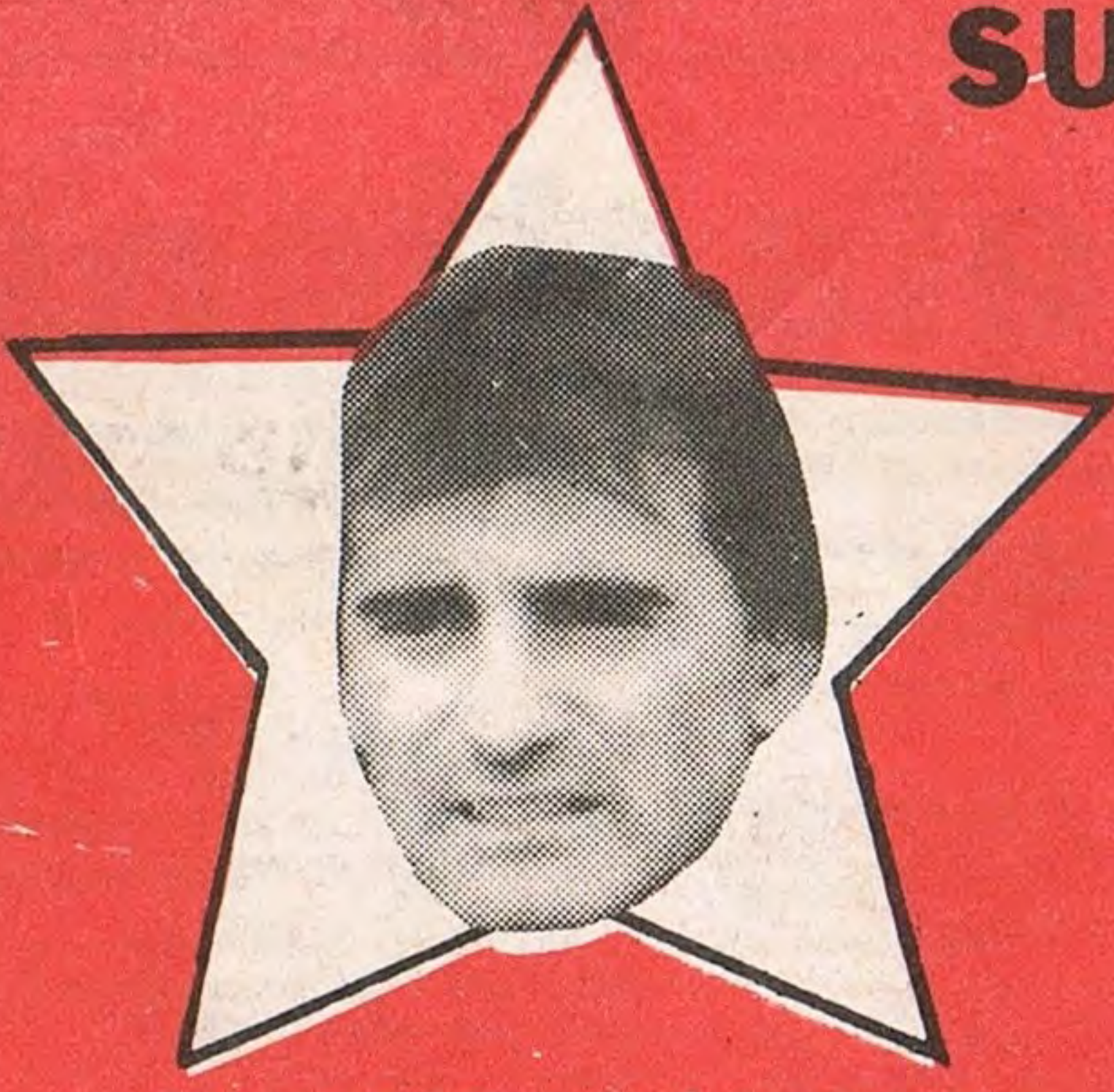
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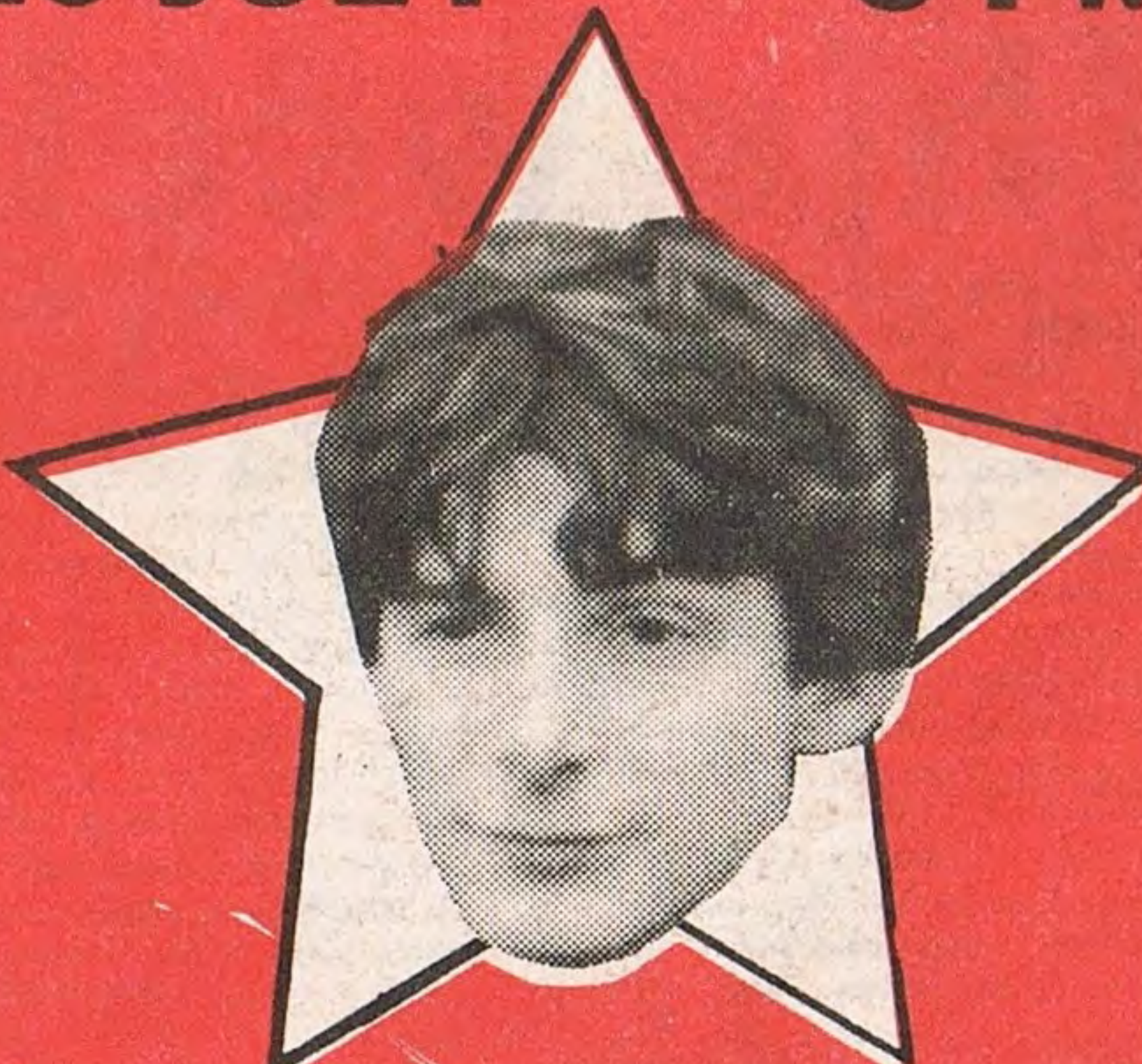
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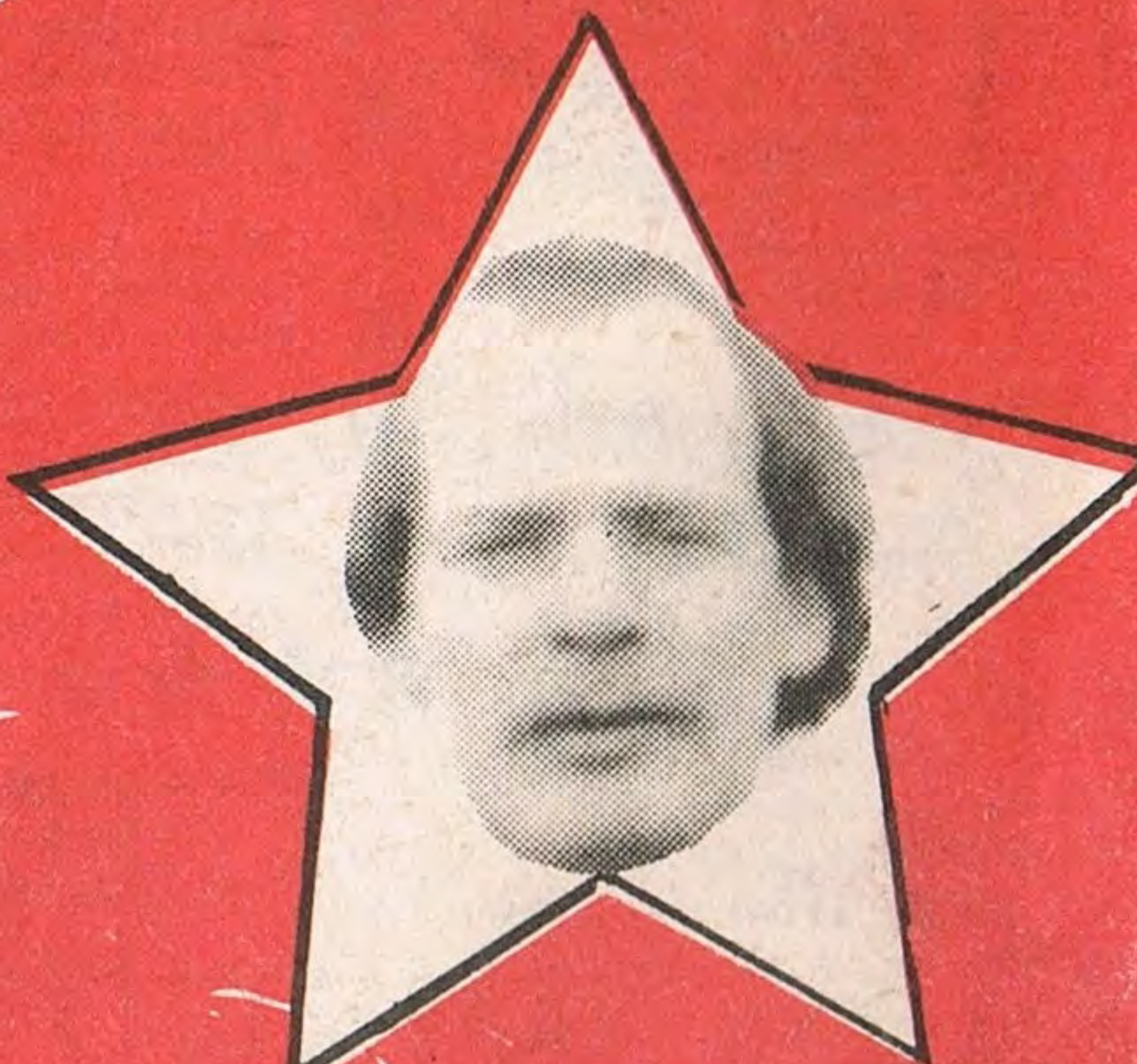
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Hundred and all at home

When Lou Denys was a brilliant young goalkeeper at St. Albans he could have accepted an offer from Rale Rasic to join Melbourne in the State League. Later, he turned down offers from George Cross.

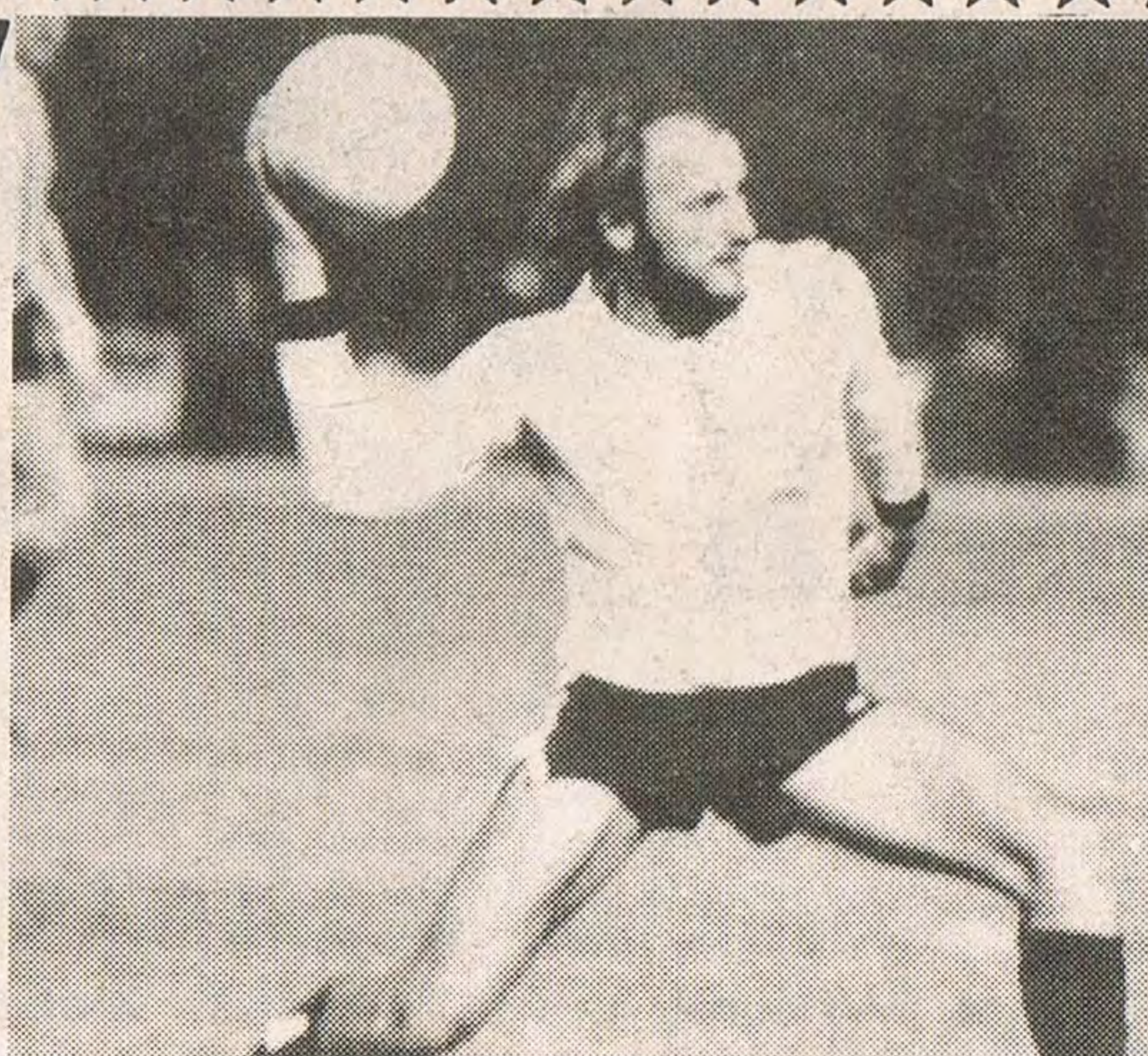
Denys is a St. Albans boy — always was, always will be. Couldn't see the sense in travelling to the other side of town for training.

But he did accept an offer from Green Gully Ajax when that club was promoted to the State League in 1976. Ajax, you see, is only a few minutes' walk from the St. Albans club where he came up through the ranks.

On Sunday Lou Denys played his 100th consecutive game for Ajax.

VSF president John Dimtis presented him with a memento before the kick-off of the match against George Cross, yet another presentation was made at the clubrooms afterwards, and the cameras of Channel 0 were there to capture it all.

And back at his home — he built it with his own two hands, with a little help from his



Lou Denys in action for Green Gully Ajax during Ampol Cup match.

friends — he and those same friends celebrated later into the night.

It was a special day also for little Adrian, the only child of Lou and his wife Erika.

Adrian had insisted that he run out onto the field and through the banner with his dad before the game. Lou had given in, and if Lou felt proud, Adrian was prouder than anyone.

Adrian, by the way, was the star goalkeeper of the Ajax under 10s last year. Now he's playing on the wing.

What pleased Lou most about the big occasion was the effect it had on the many kids at Ajax.

"A bit of recognition like this must help to motivate the kids. They see there's a real feeling of sportsmanship in the game — and there are goals at which to aim.

"The publicity — the TV — is also fantastic. The kids couldn't wait to get into the clubrooms to be part of it all.

"It's a bit of glamor for them. It's great."

A club profile on Green Gully Ajax, featuring film and an interview with Lou Denys will be shown soon on Channel 0's "World of Soccer" programme. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Nags would have been better!

NORTHCOTE 1 (Vasic) CROATIA 0

NORTHCOTE: Tachiris 6 — Nelson 6, Petrakos 6, Bozakis 7, Petrou 6 — Moulas 5, Kalitaidis 6, Rujovic 5, Tsetsos 4 — Sahinidis 7, Vasic 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Short 6, P. Bannan 5, Kokoska 7, Adams 7 — Andrews 6 (inj. Bilaver 38th. 5), Kerr 4, Murphy 4 — Mitten 6, Brogan 5, Batinovic 5.

Croatia officials complained about the condition of the pitch, the match ball and the refereeing of Nick Karlich after this match. They also should have complained about the most inept display I've seen from a Croatia side in the last two years!

Northcote won because it was the better of a bad pair and Ned Batinovic missed a golden opportunity to put Croatia one up in the second half.

Noel Mitten intercepted a bad back pass and under pressure from "Rocky" Tachiris and a Northcote defender, Mitten managed to tap the ball back to Batinovic. With Mitten, Tachiris and the defender lying almost on the goal line, Batinovic moved inside and from four metres out shot against the defender and the ball deflected across goal and out for a corner. I hardly could believe my eyes!

Within seconds Dragan Vasic had turned Steve Koskoska inside the Croatia area and struck the killer blow by shooting low past Peter Blasby's full length attempt to save.

It was bye bye Croatia from that moment on.

Ken Murphy and Alan Kerr couldn't put a foot right.

Murphy constantly lost possession and Kerr's timing was sadly astray.

Paddy Bannan was playing the ball long as early as the

10th minute. Indeed Croatia's build up was almost non-existent.

Northcote just kept plugging away.

Neither side impressed. The weather was fine and sunny. I should have gone to the races like I intended doing.



Ille wants State job

Former Footscray J.U.S.T. and Essendon Croatia coach Rocco Ille (pictured) is one of the leading candidates for the Victorian Director of Coaching job.

Ille was a star player with Yugal and Pan Hellenic in Sydney.

He gained top-level coaching qualifications in Yugoslavia.

Apart from having coached Croatia and J.U.S.T., Ille also has been lending his soccer wisdom to the Footscray Institute of Technology.

Shiners for sale

SUNSHINE 0 CROYDON 3 (Wade pen., McCombe, I. Loughnane)

SUNSHINE: Contini 6 — Mussel 5, Taylor 7, Ellis 6, Morovic 5 — Esposito 5 (Campbell 80th), McRobert 7, Laing 6 — Bain 6, Pete 7, McNally 5 (Mudrinic 70th).

CROYDON: Edwards 7 — Brown 8, McCombe 8, Pongho 8, Hobson 8 — Spink 7, Smith 7, Howarth 8 — I. Loughnane 7, Wade 8, Wassell 6 (P. Loughnane 60th).

The tale of how Sunshine tried to hawk Jim McRobert and Frank Mussel 24 hours before last month's transfer deadline almost escaped my grasp.

While the story about the attempted dismissal of two of Sunshine's stalwarts is now old news it deserves recognition.

I believe that Sunshine official Alec Aleksis phoned McRobert 24 hours before the deadline to tell the diminutive Scot that he should look for another club. Quickly.

The story goes that Sunshine couldn't afford to pay McRobert and Mussel to play in the reserves or sit on the bench for the first team.

Appears that the Shiner's top brass wanted \$2000 for both players.

The saga continued with Jim McIntyre's resignation. And I believe that there was a six man selection panel for Sunday's game against Croydon.

It seems the selectors each picked their side and the player most nominated in a position was chosen for that position.

Well whether or not that selection procedure was adopted it certainly didn't work as Croydon hit the goal trail after a short lived drought.

Egan again

ALTONA 1 (O'Boyle) FRANKSTON 3 (Egan 2, Buchanan)

ALTONA: Masseni 7 — P. Wilson 7, K. Wilson 8, Kilpatrick 8, Thomson 7 — Watters 7, Whyte 6, Innes 7 — Little 6, Mercer 7, O'Boyle 6 (Hands 80th).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 — Towers 7, Adams 7, Stewart 8, Irvine 8 — Holford 9, Lesbirel 8, Tutill 7 — Deliyannis 7, Egan 8, Buchanan 7.

Charlie Egan hit the goal trail again as Altona turned on one of its worst displays of the year to go down 3-1 to the Baysiders and firmly anchor itself to the bottom of the State League ladder.

George Watters played a one-two with Kevin Innes which ended with Innes setting-up Steve O'Boyle whose hard, low shot from the edge of the area beat Dave Gilbert at the near post to put Altona one up in the 15th minute.

A great run by Billy Buchanan in the 30th. minute evened the score when the blond Frankston striker hammered a shot into the bottom far corner.

Egan's second half goals gave Frankston an important win as it fights to move clear of the bottom sides.

Billy Deliyannis slammed a fierce shot at goal in the 55th minute which Dennis Masseni did well to parry but the incoming Egan had no trouble shooting accurately from close range.

Graham Tutill made a good run down Frankston's left in the 65th minute then slid the ball through to Egan who slotted the ball away inside the far upright from about 10 metres.

French fires

RINGWOOD 0 HAKOAH 3 (French 3)

RINGWOOD: Fearn 6 — Pasman 8, Brooks 6, Luyten 6, Verniers 6 — O'Riley 6, Dixon 7, O'Brien 7, Thom 6 — Greener 7, Sinclair 6.

HAKOAH: Fryszor 6 — Jordanou 7 — Davidson 6, Hannah 7, Wilson 8, Dosen 6 — Thomson 6, Gadsby 6, Klug 6 — French 8 (inj. McNeil 82nd), C. Kent 7.

Graham French's hat-trick sent Ringwood slumping to a loss which leaves it precariously close to the relegation zone.

Jimmy Wilson returned from a long lay-off through injury and was given the daunting task of tagging Brian Sinclair but Wilson never let Sinclair out of his sights.

French put the visitors one up in the 30th minute when he outjumped a group of players six metres from goal to head a Chris Kent cross firmly home.

Using his body well the strong Hakoah striker settled Ringwood's fate in the 75th minute when he withstood three challenges then struck a low 15 metre shot past Les Fearn.

Fearn got a hand to French's penalty attempt three minutes later but couldn't take enough pace off the ball. Hakoah had recorded a convincing win in an exciting match.

Innes goal sinks Juve

JUVENTUS 1 (Ristovski) ALTONA 2 (Innes 2)

JUVENTUS: Hawke 5 — Curcio 5, Della Rocca 6, Donaldson 6, Garamia 8 — Smith 5, Sannipoli 5 (Vaccaro 55th 6), Cunningham 7, Tarquinio 5 (Kachuk 55th 5) — Ristovski 7, Incanalupo 8.

ALTONA: Masseni 8 — P. Wilson 6, Kilpatrick 8, K. Wilson 8, Whyte 8 — Jones 7 (inj. Little 80th), Cooper 7, Innes 9 — Watters 7, Mercer 7, O'Boyle 7.

A superb 35 metre drive by Kevin Innes in the 55th minute

was enough to sink Juventus's hopes.

Juventus took the lead in the 20th minute when Fabio Incanalupo intercepted a Billy Whyte pass to Howard Mercer and hit a long ball for Mendo Ristovski to run onto and hammer past the advancing Dennis Masseni.

Three minutes later Innes levelled when he ran onto Steve Jones's through ball and shot truly from 10 metres.

Suburbs 7, Richmond 7 to clash

FIRST DIVISION

MORELAND 2 (Constantinou 2) WESTERN SUBURBS 7 (Moore 4, Klarin 2, Vojtek)

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitandis — Kypridis, Glykokalamos, Karapatsos, Daglis — McCarthy, Moore, Vojtek — Segi, Klarin, Kupisz. Best players: Moore, Glykokalamos, Kypridis.

Constantinou twice put Moreland into the lead during the first half, and the score was tied at 2-2 at half time — so the size of Wests' victory was nothing short of remarkable.

On the other hand, Wests had enough chances in the second half to score many more.

The big win gives Wests a three-goal advantage over promotion rivals Albion Rovers, who have the same number of points as Wests.

There are four matches to go, and both Wests and Albion have to meet league leader Polonia.

Steve Moore equalised both of Moreland's goals with headers.

At half time player-coach Billy Vojtek told his men to play long balls instead of the short passes they had used in the first half.

It worked like a charm and Wests took the lead within minutes, when Mick Klarin smashed it in after a move down the left.

Andy Segi got going then, and gave his opponent such a torrid time that Moreland replaced him.

It was from a Segi cross that Moore dived in to volley home the best goal of the match to put Wests 4-2 up.

Vojtek scored the fifth himself, from 15 metres after Klarin had headed down a long ball.

Moore scored his fourth —

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and his sixth in two games — with an easy tap-in at the far post and Klarin rounded off the scoring by getting to the ball first as the Moreland defence got itself tied up in knots.

Moreland was valiant in defeat, never giving up and continuing to look for openings even in the face of overwhelming odds.

Wests face a tough match at home on Sunday, against Richmond, the other team to score seven goals last weekend.

BOX HILL 1 (Lawler 70 min) POLONIA 3 (Wallace 4 min, Czarnik 31 min, Krynski 35 min Pen)

BOX HILL: Morgan, K. Patterson, Brownlie, Rao, Singleton, White, (McLeod H.T.), Verechia, Ramos, Valentine, S. Patterson, Lawler.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski, Lipiarski (Klein 47 min), Jaworski, Herman, Pichner, Marshall, Wallace, Czarnik, Krynski, Lakic, Gernanski.

A near capacity crowd at Wembley Park on Saturday, saw Polonia demonstrate exactly why they are top of the First Division.

Two opportunist goals in the first half hour, followed by a penalty gave the visitors a comfortable first half lead, but it was their ability to soak up incredible second half pressure without losing their composure, that made their overall performance so impressive.

After only four minutes Polonia opened their account, when David Singleton somehow contrived to get in the way of a Peter Verechia back pass, and the ball fell for the ever alert Brendan Lakic, who made no mistake from close range.

In the 31st minute Craig

White failed to clear a loose ball on the goal line, and Krynski hooked it back into the path of Czarnik, whose firm header was well out of the reach of Graham Morgan.

An elated Polonia pressed forward again and a determined run by Alex Marshall in the 55th minute took him into the penalty area where a rare mistake by Billy Rae sent the giant striker crashing to the ground. Ted Krynski slotted the ball home from the spot and the game to all intents and purposes was sewn up.

In the frenzied second half Box Hill poured forward, but it was not until the 70th minute that they managed to reduce the arrears. Scott Patterson who had done a power of work in the centre fastened on to a corner from the left but his shot was blocked on the line. Donovan Lawler however, hammered it home from the rebound to record his 11th goal of the season.

MORWELL FALCONS 1 KNOX CITY 1

Falcons were slow to get started and looked disjointed while Knox City applied all the pressure.

At the 11 minute mark, Mark Priestly for Knox received a ball, took it down the wing and a magnificent cross saw the ball curl into the top left hand corner of the net.

Whatever Falcons' coach Joe Schibberas said to the players at half time worked like magic. They played like a different revitalised team.

Tony Vanbaar with one of his dazzling runs, which had been rarely seen, beat three men and was fouled but the ref did not apply.

The advantage rule and dis-

allowed Vanbaar's goal. Instead a free kick was awarded just outside the Knox City penalty area.

The resulting set play saw three men run over the ball and Pat McElhinney hit a beautifully timed shot into the back of the net.

THIRD DIVISION

ELTHAM 0 RINGWOOD 1

Taking on the league leaders at Lower Park at Sat. Eltham were expected to succumb to the might of Ringwood, and at best keep the score to a respectable level.

However this was not the case and Eltham gave a good account of themselves before going down by the only goal of the game which was scored in the 39th min by Vasic. It was ironic that the goal came as a result of an error by Kevin Morton who was Eltham's best player, and who, in his own words "Had a mental blackout".

Most of the play was centred around midfield and very little constructive soccer was played by either side.

DISTRICT FIRST DIVISION

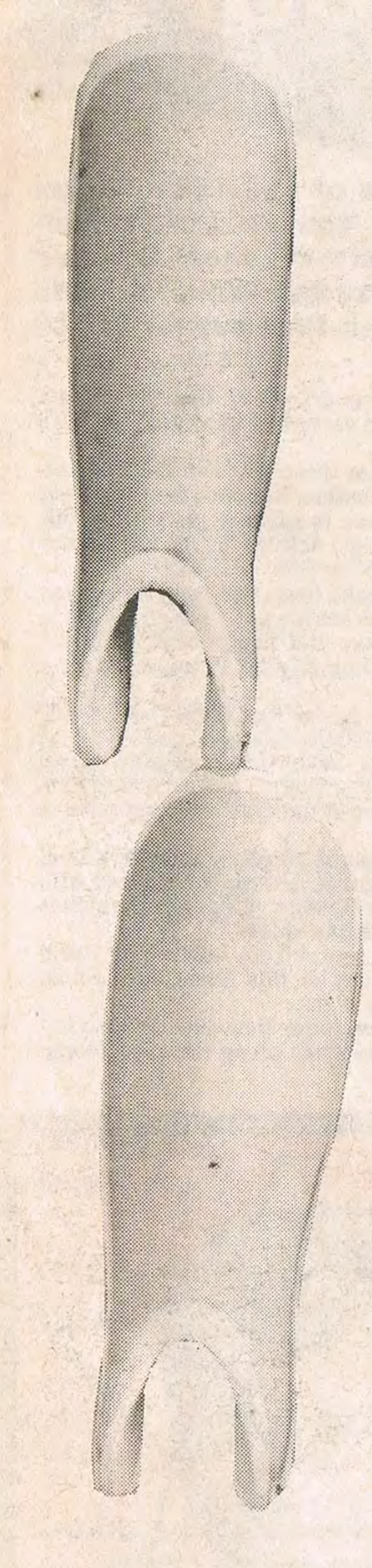
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CENTRAL CITY: P. Pantelis, P. Konstantinou, P. Philpou, K. Theodorou, E. Aristodemou, P. Altieri, D. Demetriou, C. Avraam, I. Vasilou, A. Nicolaou, M. Joannou, A. Evripidou, G. Kannavas, E. Wiedera.

Due to injuries central played without four regulars.

After an even first half Central took the lead in the 60th minute when Avraam scored from close range.

The 74th minute saw Nicolou score after some great play from substitute Kannavas.



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'MAC' FOR MORWELL?

Bobby McLachlan for Morwell Falcons in 1982!

That's the bombshell which McLachlan dropped this week after his charges had carried Ajax to a two-point lead at the top of the State League table with a resounding 2-0 victory over rival Maltese club George Cross.

"If I can achieve what I have set out to do with Ajax, then the Falcons job would give me new motivation and satisfaction, which I look for," said McLachlan.

McLachlan set out to build Ajax up from the ashes left in 1979 when the club narrowly avoided relegation. The 1982 State League championship would see the completion of his task.

Thurlow's late leveller



DOVETON 1 (Thurlow)
JUVENTUS 1 (Ristovski pen)

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 — Thurlow 8, Merrick 7, Corko 6, McConville 6 (Porter H.T. 6) — McIvor 7, Bentley 8, Charlie 8 — Irvine 6, McLaughlin 5, Quin 5 (Whithurst 77th).

JUVENTUS: Hawke 7 — Curcio 7, Donaldson 7, Della Rocca 7, Hird 8 — Smith 6, Cunningham 8, Sannipoli 5 (Vaccaro H.T. 7), Werner 9 — Ristovski 5, Incantupo 7.

An 89th minute goal from full back Peter Thurlow kept Doveton's unbeaten streak intact at Waratah Reserve.

The Doves keep hanging on to their proud record by the skin of their teeth.

Juventus had hit the front in the 68th minute when Lou Ivanoff was forced into pulling down Juve substitute Lou Vaccaro and Mendo Ristovski converted from the spot.

Thurlow levelled from point blank range when he headed high into the roof of the net from Mike McIvor's free kick near the touchline on the right.

The usual defensive organisation was missing from Doveton's performance.

Jim Train will be operated on for a cartilage injury this weekend. Train undergoes specialist surgery which has revolutionised the usual recovery period from cartilage operations and should be back on the training track in three weeks time.

He has a good nose for goal and is a real character on and off the field.

All these qualities make McLeod one of the most effective target men in the league. He'll terrorise Ringwood's defence on Sunday and should play an important part in yet another win to Ajax and another vital step toward the title which looks to be heading Green Gully's way as every week goes by.

Croatia is the immediate challenger to Ajax and must end Doveton's unbeaten run to have any hope of catching McLachlan's all-conquering outfit.

Alan Kerr and Ken Murphy have a lot of lost prestige to recover after the Northcote debacle and if Croatia turns it on the Doves will lose their proud record. But there are too many "ifs" about Croatia nowadays. I know I'm shirking responsibility but I'm tipping a draw.

Frankston striker Charlie Egan will have a "shadow" at Centenary Park on Sunday and I expect Hakoah midfielder Jimmy Wilson to stick to Egan all afternoon.



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

I think at the end of the day nothing will separate these sides. Frankston would welcome at least a point in their battle to push away from the danger of relegation. Hakoah wouldn't lose too much momentum from its aim for a top four berth by snatching a point away from home.

Northcote's euphoria after beating Croatia should be dampened by an unhappy visit to Croydon Park on Sunday.

Northcote full backs Alex Nelson and Chris Petrou will play an important part in the outcome of this match as they struggle to contain the flying Loughnanes, Ian and Peter.

And Dragan Vasic and Jim Sahinidis will find the uncompromising Croydon back four a handful.

The more I think about it, the more I see Northcote having to wait for another week before picking up more points.

Sunshine really disappoints me. On paper this is the best squad the club has had for a couple of years yet the results won't come. Lack of consistency has plagued the Shiners this season. I don't know what the answer is and I'm not prepared to put my two bob's worth in.

At least most of the players are on two-year contracts and have the chance to knit together as a unit next year.

I have reservations about Altona's morale. If it's still high I think it can beat Sunshine at Kim Reserve on Sunday. If not the Shiners can earn both points. But my un-

certainty leads me to tip a draw.

George Cross won't make the top four if it can't beat Juventus on Sunday.

This clash will take place at John Cain Reserve, Northcote and George Cross should win.

Altona v Sunshine (draw) at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROYDON v Northcote at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Croatia v Doveton (draw) at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Juventus v GEORGE CROSS at John Cain Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Ringwood v AJAX at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Frankston v Hakoah (draw) at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.



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TEAM OF THE WEEK

GILBERT (F'ton)			
BROWN (C'don)	WILKINSON (G. Cross)	BOZIKIS (N'cote)	HIRD (Juve)
INNES (Altona)	HOLFORD (F'ton)	WERNER (Juve)	
SAHINIDIS (N'cote)	FRENCH (Hakoah)	WALLACE (Ajax)	

STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AJAX	10	2	3	30	8	22
CROATIA	7	6	2	26	13	20
DOVETON	4	11	0	19	13	19
CROYDON	6	6	3	25	18	18
Geo. Cross	7	2	6	24	17	16
Hakoah	5	6	4	20	24	16
Northcote	5	4	6	25	35	14
Sunshine	5	3	7	22	25	13
Frankston	5	2	8	22	24	12
Wilhelmina	4	3	8	22	31	11
Juventus	4	3	8	14	27	11
Altona	2	4	9	17	31	8

Ajax strides towards title

GEORGE CROSS 0 AJAX 2 (Greechan, Wall)

GEORGE CROSS: Gay 7 — Morgan 7, Wolkinson 8, Maitland 7, McKinley 6 — Gambin 5, Rigby 5 (inj. Paparas H.T. 6), G. Bannan 7, McCann 5 — Toal 6, T. Kent 5.

AJAX: Denys 7 — Peter Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Cannell 7, G. Bennett 8 — Greechan 7, Hogben 8, Vassallo 8 — Wallace 8, McLeod 7, Wall 8.

Men against boys. That's how Ajax manager-coach Bobby McLachlan described this contest.

So much for Cross's stated intention of going at Ajax.

Bobby Toal imitated the Lone Ranger for most of the day with Terry Kent and Paul Gambin playing deep.

Ajax outplayed, outfought and outran Cross. It was as simple as that. The better side won and in the end won well.

The gauntlet was thrown down to Cross early with a series of crunching tackles from Peter Lewis.

I was standing 10 metres away from one of Lewis's tackles on Terry Kent. It was the worst tackle I've seen this year.

Kent played the ball as Lewis bore down upon him. Lewis kept going and left Kent groaning on the ground in agony. Referee Venios stopped play to allow treatment to Kent but said nothing to Lewis. Stuart Cannell didn't endear himself to the ideals of hard but fair play by walking over to Lewis and shaking his hand.

I'd prefer to marvel at the skills of Gordon Wallace and Willie Vassallo, the vision and disposal of John Gardiner, the fierce commitment of Gus McLeod and the dribbling ability of Kit Greechan.

The pity is that Lewis is a fine player. He doesn't need to resort to the sort of treatment he meted out to young Kent.

George Cross was unable to hit back with the sort of fire required. Damien Morgan and Norm Maitland went about things the wrong way and were lucky not to be sent off. Kicking a player when play is



stopped and headbutting an opponent used to be sending-off offences. Apparently not nowadays as far as referee Venios is concerned.

Yet Morgan and Maitland were prepared to meet Ajax's assault head on. Unfortunately a few of their team mates went into hiding.

But not sweeper Billy Wilkinson who did little wrong. If not for his timely interceptions and clearances Cross could have suffered a heavier defeat.

HOLFORD'S THE WINNER

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13 — Egan (F)
12 — McLeod (GGA)
11 — I. Loughnane (Croy)
9 — Mitten (C), Toal (GC), French (H).

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This week's votes:
SUNSHINE v CROYDON
3 — Pongho (Croy)
2 — Brown (Croy)
1 — Wade (Croy)
ALTONA v FRANKSTON
3 — Holford (F)
2 — Stewart (F)
1 — K. Wilson (A)
JUVENTUS v ALTONA
3 — Innes (A)
2 — Whyte (A)
1 — Geramia (J)
NORTHCOTE v CROATIA
3 — Bozikis (N)
2 — Kokoska (C)
1 — Sahinidis (C)

RINGWOOD v HAKOAH
3 — French (H)
2 — Wilson (H)
1 — Pasman (R)
DOVETON v JUVENTUS
3 — Werner (J)
2 — Bentley (D)
1 — Hird (J)
GEORGE CROSS v AJAX
3 — Wilkinson (GC)
2 — Wallace (A)
1 — Vassallo (A)
Progressive totals:
20 — French (H),
17 — G. Bannan (GC),
15 — P. Bannan (C), Cannell (GGA),
Wilkinson (GC),
14 — Stewart (F).

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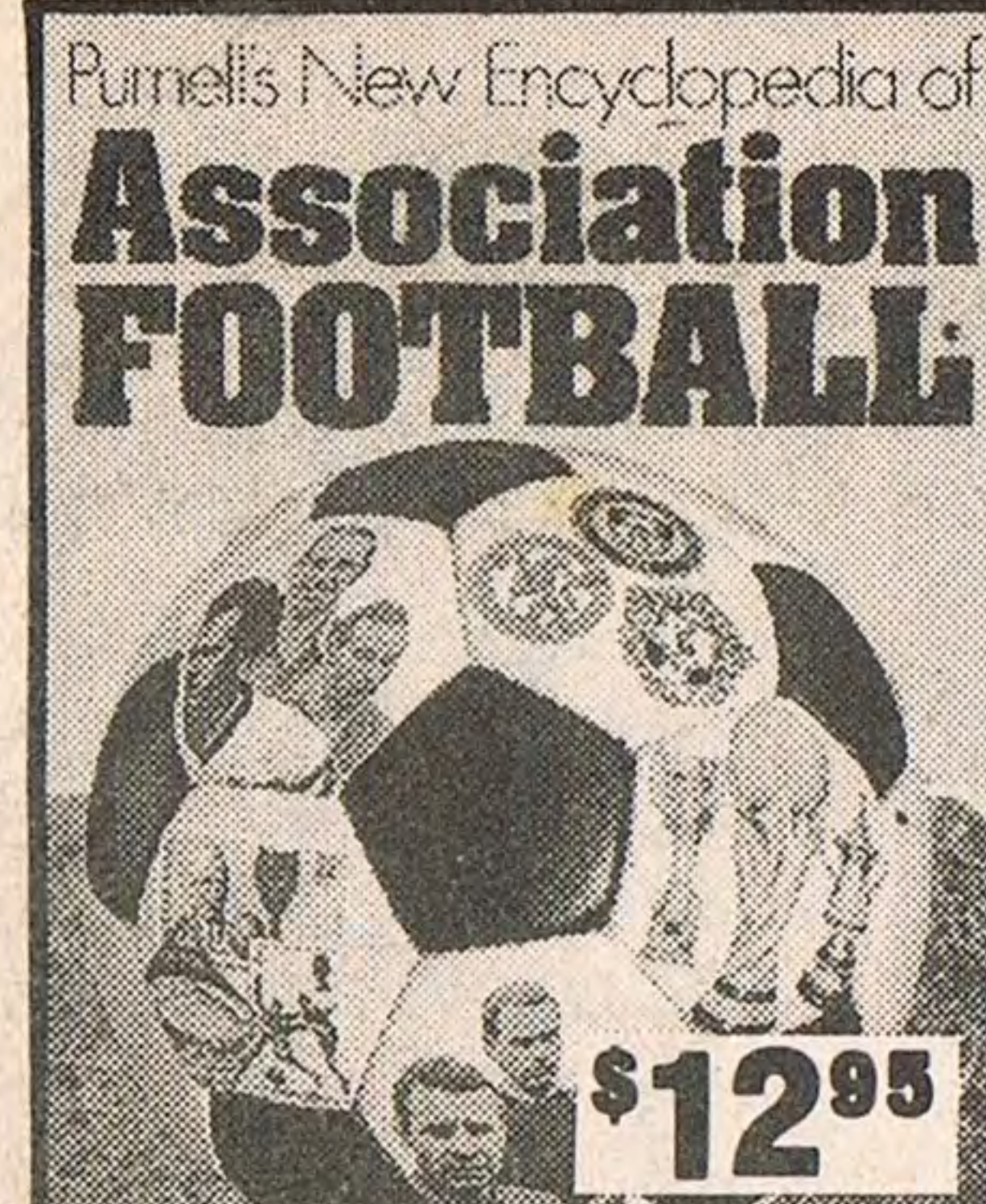
From left, standing: Eddie Thomson (coach), Steve O'Connor (from juniors), Todd Clarke (Beograd, Sth Aust., 1976), Glen Ahearn (Brisbane Lions, 1980), John Spanos (Morley Windmills, West Aust., 1980), Ian Bruce (Dundee, Scotland, 1978), Kevin Mullen (from juniors), Gerardo Gomez (from Puerto Rico, 1979).
Front: Grant Lee (Kuringai, 1980), Joe Watson (from Scotland, 1974), Jim Patikas (from juniors), Jim Cant (Marconi, 1981), Ian Souness (Everton, 1978), Ken Boden (Newcastle KB, 1980), Murray Barnes (from juniors). Inset: John Koamina (West Adelaide 1981), Agenor Muniz (Adelaide City, 1981).

Sydney City Hakoah — "The Slickers" — is making a strong bid for its third PSL championship in five years, having won it in 1977 and 1980. Of its current senior squad, only two — Ian Bruce and Jim Cant — have not played to Australia at senior or youth level. Hakoah won the PSL top four series in 1978 and 1979 and won most of championships and Cups in the NSW First Division. Its stars of the past include Ray Baartz, John Watkins, Alan Marnoch, Danny Walsh, Gerry Chadli, Robert Fekete, Jock Aird, Heitz Wenzl, Peter Hrnclir, Karl Jaros, Rafi Levy, Leo -baumgartner, Herbert Ninaus, Peter Fuzes, Dave Keddie, Matt Woods, Tiko Jellsavcic and Hilton Silva.



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SVE PO STAROM

Posle tri izvanredne pobede, J.U.S.T. je ponovo izgubio katastrofalno zbog neodgovorne igre odbrane. "Plava" odbrana moze da napravi podvig, ali u sustini nije zrela za ovaj rang takmicenja, sto pokazuje broj golova u Bolandovoj mrezi, iako je izvrstan golman, mozdna najbolji u Phillips ligi.

Prama izvestajima, koje smo dobili iz Sidneja, sudija je ponovo ima dva merila na stetu JUST-a, jer je morao najmanje dva puta da pokaze na belu tacku, kada su nepropisno sruseni Vlastko Belic i Zdravko Lujic u kaznenom prostoru. Medjutim, JUST ipak nije bio na visini zadatka, bio je opijen trenutnim uspesima i nije se dovoljno pripremio, niti zalagao za casniji rezultat.

Na sreću, sledeće nedelje je JUST igrao ponovo na svom igralistu, gde postize izvanredne rezultate, zahvaljujući svojoj vernoj publici. Protivnik je demoralisani Canberra Arrows, ali treba se uvek cuvati ranjenog lava.

MAKEDONIJA NA PRAVOM PUTU

Kao sto smo ocekivali, Makedonija je ubedljivo savladala goste iz Newcastlea, iako su ovi povelili sa 1:0. Medjutim, ovog puta je tehnika trijumfovala nad snagom. Skupoceni tim Makedonije je na kraju proradio kao celina i zasluzeno pobedio Newcastle, koji je dosao kao favorit, ali se proveo kao bos po trnju. Sledeće nedelje ce Makedonija u Sidneju potvrditi da je na putu oporavka, iako igra protiv cudljivog Leichestera. Makedonija ce za ovaj susret biti jaca, jer je protiv Newcastlea igrala oslabljena, bez Peter Olfertona i Roberta Cullena.

JO-JO U DRZAVNOJ LIGI

NORTHCOTE CITY je neocakivano pobedio CROATIJU sa 1:0, iako su "crveni" bili apsolutni favoriti. Jedini gol je postigao Dragan Vasic, sto mu je naglo podiglo cenu i ugled. Croatia je sa ovim porazom dovela u pitanje osvajanje prvenstva, jer je AJAX pobegao tri boda. Medjutim, završnica trke je jos daleko, pa su iznenadjenja moguca, bez obzira na nasu prognozu i planove. U fudbalu je sve moguce.

OSTALI REZULTATI

ALBION ROVERS — ALTONA GATE 2:0 (1:0). Sudija, koji je vec nekoliko puta iskrojio kapu Altoni Gate, "sahraniio" je i ovog puta. Sastav Albion: Chris Dimitrijević, Blagoja Lazarevski, Jimmy Dervisovski (Basim Boskovic od 65. minuta), Jonce Serovski, Mitre Kraleviski, Vele Dimovski, Boris Gelevski, Dragi Trajkovski, Milan Micevski, Cole Taleviski, Venco Bozinski (Sesula Sekulovski od 48. minuta). Sledeće nedelje: Albion Gate — Moreland.

FOOTSCRAY/J.U.S.T. — WAVERLEY 2:2 (1:1). Kako je J.U.S.T. izgubio ovaj bod tesko je objasniti, ali to se dogadja u nogometu tako cesto, da to vise nije nikakvo cud. Protivnik je postigao oba gola zahvaljujući grubim greškama odbrane, koje je bila nevezna bez razloga. Na drugoj strani, navala je imala takve sance, koje je bilo nemoguće promisliti, ali ipak nisu iskoriscene zbog opste nerazumevanja. Sastav JUST-a: Milutin Ciric, Sloboda Stojcević, Ivica Karic, Tom Vukovic, Dancé Smurgrevski, Antony Vella, Ljubce Taleviski, Danny Aceksi, Paul Simic, Tom Karic, Sharn Parton. Strelci: Tom Vukovic i Pavle Simic. Rezerva je izgubila sa 1:5, iako je povelila sa 1:0 fantasticnim golom, koji je postigao Mile Ostojic sa 30 metara. Sledeće subote: J.U.S.T. — Makedonija.

DANDENONG — PRESTON/MAKEDONIJA 2:1 (1:0). Domacin je poveo sa 1:0, ali je Makedonija mogla daljejednaci 5 minuta kazniti iz penala, ali Brian Coyle je sa 11 metara promasio cela vrata. U 51. minutu Dandenong je poveo sa 2:0, posto je mlaka lopta prosle golmanu Demirovu kroz ruke i noge. U 87. minutu Brian Coyle je presao 3 igrace i sa 25 metara postigao pcesni gol. Sastav Makedonije: Chris Demirov, Jonny Belevski, John Higham, Zoran Ristovski, Arthur Christov, Riste Nivevski, Sebi Maganano, On Opasidis (Michael Nitzon od 70. minuta), Terry Nolan (David O'Connor) Brian Coyle, Neal Coyle. Najbolji igraci: Brian Coyle, Arthur Christov i John Higham. Rezerva je pobedila sa 2:0 (2:0). Oba gola je zaradio izvanredni Arthur Stayos, iako je prvi bio autogol. Sledeće subote Makedonija docekuje JUST-a u Reservoiru.

ELTHAM — RINGWOOD UTD./SRBIJA 0:1. Posto su najbliži suparnici igrali nereseno, Srbija je prakticno postala prvak treće divizione, iako se do kraja prvenstva igraju jos 4 kola. U subotu 25. jula SRBIJA docekuje na svom igralistu, Quambes Reserve, Wonga Road, North Ringwood, My.36 B.11, CORIO iz Geelonga, sto ce biti jos jedna formalnost na putu za odlazak u drugu divizionu.

HAWKS BURN — SOUTH YARRA 0:1 (0:1). Protivnik je poveo sa 1:0 vec u 3. minutu, zatim je napravio bunker, koji je izvanrednom igrom golmana posteno iznervirao igrace Hawksburna. Sa ovim porazom pala je u vodu poslednja nada za promociju. Sastav Hawksburna: Sander Kazi, Andras Sejmeci, Tibor Benedek, Joe Sabo, Andras Kazi, Drago Bulic, Stjepan Kantoni, Ferenc Palinkas, Frank Horvat, Steve Bleskany, Steve Derek (Ferenc Cah od 46. minuta). Najbolji igraci: Joe Sabo, Ferenc Palinkas i Drago Bulic. Rezerva je pobedila sa 3:0 (1:0). Strelci: Slavko Drilic dva gola i Vili Garamsegi jedan. Sledeće subote: Nunawading — Hawksburn.

Zbog navodno loseg terena, iako je naokolo bilo gorih, pa se igralo, sudija nije dozvolio da se odigra utakmica Bratsvo/Jedinstvo — Murrumbidgee. Ipak su rezerve igrale pre toga. Pobedio je Springvale United/Bratsvo i jedinstvo sa 4:1 (3:0). Strelci: Joe Francisti, Peter Smitman, Nebojsa Dragojevic i Toma Okovic, dok je Ljubisa Tomic promasio jedanaesterac.

PARKMORE/PLAVI DUNAV — DIAMOND CREEK 5:0 (1:0). Po lepom vremenu, ali nezgodnom igralistu, domaci tim je iako i ubedljivo pobedio goste, koji su se nevesto branili. Strelci: Joe Biro, Andras Lerinc, Antal Ambruz, Jene Kalmar i Ton Hoti. Trener Joe Biro je promasio cela vrata sa 11 metara u 78. minutu. Sastav Plavog Dunava: Tiber Mistic, Andras Lerinc, Joe Foral, Mihajl Farkas, Frank Varga, Mihajl Djarmati, Ignjac Lasanac, Mihajl Mistic (Ton Hoti od 46. min.), Jene Kalmar, Antal Ambruz Edi Balesic od 73. minuta). Joe Biro. Rezerva je pobedila sa 4:1 (2:0). Strelci: Istvan Makai ml., Tibor Toti, Joe Sabo i Tony Basa.

BET NAHREAN — BOSNA UTD. 2:3 (0:3). Bosna je ispuštala priliku da popravi gol-razliku, koja je neophodna u borbi za prvo mesto, posto jedini suparnik za to mesto Parkmore/Hajduk ima isto toliko bodova kao momci u zelenim majkicama. Strelci: Adam Susic, Mladen Mutic i Misa Lazarevic. Sastav Bosne: Nurko Porca, Jozef Piskac, Igor Mukavec, Ljubomir Brajic, Vasko Kalpac, Mehmed Omerovic, Adam Susic, Muhamed Tubic (Naim Kamber od 70. minuta), Mladen Mutic, Misa Lazarevic, Esad Mesinovic. Sledeće nedelje igraju Jolimont — Bosna Utd. na Yarra Parku, Ground No. 8, Swan Street, Richmond. Pocetak u 12 sati.

JUNIOR STANDINGS

VICTORIA As at 12.7.81

U-11 PENINSULA

Peninsula	11	9	1	4	9	19
Chelsea	11	9	0	2	4	8
Mornington	11	7	2	2	3	10
Hastings	11	5	4	2	3	10
Seaford	11	4	3	4	2	15
Karingal	11	4	1	6	2	22
Fston Pines	11	3	2	6	1	29
Skye Rvrs	11	4	0	7	1	37
Baxter	11	3	1	7	1	37
Rosebud	11	0	0	1	1	10

U-11 CENTRAL A

Sth Melb	11	8	1	2	4	9
Hakoah	11	8	1	2	3	16
East Bentleigh	11	8	0	3	2	16
Cauffield	11	7	1	3	2	13
Sth Oakleigh	11	6	2	3	2	14
Brighton	11	4	1	6	1	37
Malvern City	11	4	1	6	2	1
Beaumaris	11	2	1	8	1	31
Melbourne	11	1	2	8	7	25
Sandringham	11	2	0	9	1	4

U-11 CENTRAL B

Sth Melb B	10	9	1	0	4	8
Sth Oakleigh B	10	7	2	1	3	16
Clairinda B	11	6	2	3	2	14
Glen Waverley	10	4	3	2	3	11
Waverley B	10	5	0	5	1	10
Box Hill B	10	2	1	7	1	27
Mordialloc	10	1	2	7	6	19
East Bentleigh	11	1	1	9	5	36
Baxter B	10	1	0	9	5	40

U-11 ESE A

Knox City A	11	9	2	0	2	9
Waverley City A	11	9	0	2	3	8
Moorebank	10	6	1	3	2	19
Ring City A	10	5	2	3	1	12
Box Hill A	10	4	2	4	2	10
Nuna City A	11	4	0	7	1	22
Clairinda A	11	2	1	8	7	31
Croydon A	10	0	3	7	1	3
Sp'vale City A	10	0	2	8	3	2
Clayton	10	6	1	3	2	10

U-11 ESE B

Knox City B	10	7	2	1	2	14
F.T. Gully	10	6	2	1	2	11
Mitcham	10	6	0	4	1	21
Doncaster A	10	3	2	1	6	13
Mulgrave A	9	3	4	2	2	14
Nuna City B	10	3	4	2	1	10
Dingley	10	3	2	5	1	26
Moonbulk	10	1	3	5	1	28
Knox City B	9	0	1	8	1	31

U-11 ESE C

Sp'vale City B	11	1	1	0	4	1
Mulgrave B	11	1	1	3	1	15
Ring City B	11	6	2	3	1	13
Moorebank B	11	6	1	3	2	13
Boronia	11	6	0	5	2	15
Boronia	11	5	2	4	2	12
Southmore	11	6	0	5	2	12
Doncaster B	11	5	1	5	1	17
Croydon B	10	2	0	8	1	25
Parkmore Utd	11	2	0	9	6	35
Nuna City C	10	1	0	9	4	36

U-11 ESE D

Dandy City	11	9	0	2	3	4
Hampton Park	11	8	1	2	3	9
Berwick	11	6	3	2	4	10
Nth Dandy	10	6	1	3	1	9
Doveton	11	4	4	3	2	11
Pakenham	11	5	2	4	3	12
Cranebourne	11	4	2	5	4	23
Sp'vale Utd	11	3	0	7	1	27
Seaford B	10	2	0	7	7	37
Upper Yarra Utd	11	0	0	1	1	3

U-11 NORTHERN A

Lalor	10	9	0	4	5	18
Fawkner	10	8	0	1	3	15
Essendon	10	7	1	2	2	15
Meadow Park	10	6	1	3	3	16
Broadmeadows	10	4	1	5	1	9
Rossana	9	3	1	6	1	25
Greenborough	10	3	0	7	1	26
Juvantus	10	2	0	8	8	24
Eltham	10	0	0	10	4	46

U-11 NORTHERN B

Brunswick City	10	8	2	0	4	18
Thomastown A	10	8	2	0	2	18
Clifton Hill	10	8	0	2	4	16
Heidelberg	11	6	2	3	1	14
Bulleen	11	5	0	6	1	22
Pascoe Vale	11	3	1	7	1	29
Diamond Creek	11	3	0	8	3	7
Watsonia	11	2	0	9	1	34
Doncaster C	10	1	0	9	5	41
Nth Reservoir	11	1	5	2	4	20

U-11 WEST A

Sunshine City	11	9	1	1	4	9
Nth Geelong	11	9	1	1	4	13
Melion	11	8	2	2	2	15
Sunshine Hts A	11	6	0	5	2	12
Ardeer	11	4	1	6	1	19
Altona Gate	11	3	2	6	2	8
Gully	11	2	7	1	0	29
Sunbury	11	2	7	1	5	6
Albion	11	2	1	4	3	5
Altona City	11	4	3	4	1	21

U-11 WEST B

West Utd	8	7	0	1	2	5
Footscray	8	6	1	1	2	9
Sunshine Hts	9	5	2	2	1	12
Hotham	7	4	1	2	1	10
St Albans	7	2	3	1	7	4
Mossfield	9	1	2	6	2	9
Sunshine Hts	9	2	0	7	7	32
Werrisbee	8	0	1	7	5	24

U-11 N-W

Mainstone	9	8	0	1	6	4
East Altona	10	8	0	2	3	16
Northcote A	10	7	1	2	4	13
West Newport	9	5	0	4	2	13
Moonee Ponds	10	5	0	5	2	10
Northcote B	10	3	0	7	1	31
Thomastown B	10	3	0	7	1	47
Kew P.R.B.	9	1	2	6	7	34
Mossfield B	9	1	1	7	9	55

U-11 NORTHERN A

Essendon	10	8	1	1	4	4
Fawkner A	9	8	1	0	4	17
Heidelberg Utd	8	6	0	2	1	12
Meadow Park	9	5	2	2	1	12
Rossana	10	2	7	1	3	28
Lalor	9	2	2	5	8	20
George X 'A'	9	2	2	5	10	26
Juvantus	10	3	0	7	3	35
Watsonia	10	2	0	8	5	31

U-11 NORTHERN B

Preston	11	1	1	0	5	7
Nth Reservoir	11	6	3	2	2	15
Northcote City	11	7	0	4	3	14
Bulleen	11	5	4	2	1	16

JUNIOR STANDINGS

Thomastown 11 6 1 4 30 16 13

Greensboro 11 5 2 4 15 20 12

Fawkner B 11 3 2 6 28 38 8

Thombury 11 2 2 7 13 33 6

Eltham 11 2 1 8 15 33 5

Northcote City A 11 2 1 8 13 33 5

Melton 11 0 1 10 3 50 1

NORTH C

Port Melb 11 10 0 34 3 22

Highpoint 11 8 1 2 30 6 17

Clifton Hill 11 8 1 2 34 9 17

Moonee Ponds 11 5 3 3 21 9 13

Broadmeadows 11 5 3 3 8 11

Meadow Park 11 2 5 4 8 23 9

Clairinda B 11 1 4 6 6 28 6

George X 'B' 10 2 1 7 11 20

Batman Utd 11

Crowds drop, Kovacs to Athens

Crowd figures show that Olympiakos of Piraeus, who took the league and Cup double for the first time since 1975, are tops with the fans as well.

They attracted an average of 24,000 fans to each home game last season — far and away the best by any club in first division, which produced an overall average attendance of no more than 8,400.

This was a very gloomy result for the national league, which has just completed its second year of full professionalism.

The clubs and the federation have yet to sort out major financial problems, the biggest of which involve players' income tax and the State tax payable on match receipts.

While win bonuses are large, basic pay rates are low. Olympiakos players often earned more than \$A1,700 a month last season as a result of their success, but the players' union claims their members should be exempt from income-tax

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because of their generally low pay.

Greece has accepted an invitation to play the New York club Cosmos soon, in the US, despite protests from clubs demanding that their players should receive their regular holidays.

Panathinaikos have gone four years since last winning the Greek championship — and that record has just provoked yet another change at the top.

Stefan Kovacs, the veteran Romanian, is the new man the Athens club claim to have landed to run the team... in succession to the Austrian Helmut Senekowitsch, who in turn followed Englishman Ronnie Allen only last October.

Mark Proctor the 20-year-old Middleboro and England Under 21 star midfielder is all but earmarked to join Nottingham Forest as successor to captain John McGovern. Proctor will be influenced in his decision by the fact he admires both Brian Clough and his assistant Peter Taylor with Forest but this won't help the price which will be around \$800,000.

Southampton's 31-year-old Yugoslav defender Iav Golac who has been at the Dell three years since his \$100,000 transfer from Partizan Belgrade, missed the Saints' three-match American tour after turning up two days late for pre-season training.

Preston North End, motivated by the presence of new manager Tommy Docherty, are set to smash last season's record of \$120,000 advance season ticket sales.

Ian McNeill who recently lost his job as manager of Wigan Athletic has been appointed assistant to John Neal with Chelsea. McNeill is the former Aberdeen player.

Dragoslav Stapanovic, the Manchester City and former Yugoslav international has rejoined West German club Wormacia on a free transfer.

Bob Latchford, Everton's post-war record scorer with 106 goals from 236 games and up for sale, says he will consider offers from good class Second Division sides — if the terms are right.

Johnny Haynes, Britain's first \$200 per week footballer with Fulham has been back in London from South Africa where he now resides. Haynes, the former Fulham and England captain was a one-club man for 18 years. He is now 47.

Everton have bought 22-year-old Bury keeper Neville Southall for \$300,000. Bury paid a non-league record fee of \$60,000 for Southall two years ago from Winsford.

Martin Peters who quit as player manager of Sheffield United is likely to rejoin Norwich City in a coaching capacity.

New Brighton manager Mike Bailey has his sights on Charlie George who is 'gettable' from Southampton.

With 800 players on the free and open to transfer, Charlton boss Alan Mullery has got a couple of top notchers for nothing in John Phillips and Billy Landsdowne.

West Ham are likely to buy Derby County's transfer listed defender Steve Buckley to replace veteran Frank Lampard who may join Norwich City while the Canaries veterans defender John McDowall has taken over as player-coach of their reserve side in succession to John Livermore who has been appointed assistant to John Toshack with Swansea City.

TA NEA TON OMAΔON MAS APO TO ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΘΡΙΑΜΒΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΗΡΑΚΛΗ

Περὶ ἡμέρας ὁ Ἡρακλῆς ἤρθε τὴν μεγαλὴν νίκην τοῦ στοῦ πρωταθλήματος τοῦ Στέ- ητ Ἀθῆν ἐπὶ τῆς Ἑσπέρου - Κροατία I-0 καὶ ἐπίασε τὴν 7ῃ θέσιν στοῦν βαθμο λογικὸ πλῆθος ἀφού πέρασε καὶ τὸ Σαν- σάνη πού ἡττήθηκε ἀπὸ τὸ Κρόβτον. Ἡ κυανόλευκος οὐμάδα μας ἦταν ἀνώτερη καὶ πιδ ἐνθουσιώδους μπροστά στὴν ἀγνώ ριστὴ Κροατία. Τὸ μοναδικὸ γκολ τῆς νίκης πέτυχε ὁ Βάσις στὸ 73' μὲ κοντινὸ σουτ. Ἀπὸ τὴν οὐμάδα τοῦ Ἡρακλῆ δὲν ὑστέρη σε κανένας ἀλλὰ ξεχώρισαν οἱ Ταχίρης, Ρούλιεβιτς, Σαχινίδης καὶ Βοζλῆς. Ἡ σύνθεσις: Ταχίρης, Πετράκος, Νιτόπου- λος, Βοζλῆς, Πετρου, Ρούλιεβιτς, Καλαφα- τίδης, Τσέτσος, Σαχινίδης, Βάσις, Μούλας

ΩΚΑΗ: ΣΕ 45 ΔΕΠΤΑ ΕΠΤΑ ΓΚΟΛ

Περὶ πού 500 ἐνθουσιώδεις φίλαθλοι τοῦ Ὁμήλῃ χάθηκαν τὴν οὐμάδα τους ἡ οὐοία διέλυσε τὸ οὐράγὸ Μέλτον μὲ 8-0. Στὸ Α' μέρος ἡ ἑλληνικὴ μας οὐμάδα παί- ζοντας περισσότερο πρακτικὰ κατώρθωσε νὰ πετύχει 7 τέρματα. Καὶ ἐνὼ ὅλοι περιμέναν ἓνα σκόρ γύρω στὰ 15 γκολ, οἱ παίχτες τοῦ Ὁμήλῃ ἔχα- σαν καταπληκτικὲς εὐκαιρίες καὶ περὶ οἱ ρίσθηκαν στὸ Β' μέρος μόνον σὲ ἓνα τέρ- μα. Τὰ γκολ πέτυχαν οἱ Στογιαννίδης 4, Βα- σίλης Καμπυλάκης 2, Γ. Καμπυλάκης (πέναλ- τυ) καὶ Παπατσιὰς. Ἐπὶ τῆς δύο σουτ ἀ- πό τούς Κοντοκώστα καὶ Παπατσιὰ βρή- καν τὰ δοκάρια, ἐνὼ κανονικὸ τέρμα τοῦ Κοντοκώστα ἀκυρώθηκε. Δὲν ἀγωνίσθηκε ὁ Στεργίου πού εἶχε συ μπληρωσὶ 3 κίτρινες κάρτες. Ἡ σύνθεσις: Πέτρου, Νταντῆλίας, Λουκάς, Τσιάπος, Στογιάννου, Γ. Καμπυλάκης, (50) Παλαιολογούδης) Βαρέλίας, Κοντοκώστα, Β. Καμπυλάκης, (70' Μπατικιόττο) Παπατ- σιάς καὶ Στογιαννίδης. Μετὰ καὶ τὴν ἡττα τοῦ Μούρουλμπάρκ τὸ Ὁμήλῃ βροσκέται μόλις 2 βαθμοὺς πίσω ἀπὸ τὸν δεῦτερο μὲ 3 ἀπὸ τὸ Τῆμαστέον Ἄν ἡ κυανόλευκος κερδίσει τὸν ἀγῶνα τοῦ Σαββάτου μὲ τὸ Τζηλόγν, σίγουρα θά πάρει καὶ τὸ εἰσιτήριο γιὰ τὴν Δ' κατη- γορία τοῦ Μετροπόλταν γιὰ τὰ τρία ὑπόλοιπα παιγνίδια πού ἔχει χαρακτηρί- ζονται ὡς εὐκόλα παρὰ τοῦ ὅτι ὁ ἓνας ἀπὸ τούς ἀντιπάλους του εἶναι τὸ Τῆμα στέον. Προσοχὴ λοιπὸν στοῦν ἀγῶνα τοῦ Σαββάτου γιὰτὶ εἶναι μιά κατηγορία.

ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Στὸ ντέρμπυ τοῦ Ἰντάστριαλ Ἀθῆν στοῦν ὁμίλο τοῦ Γουέστ, ἡ πρωτοπόρος Ἐν. Πον- τίων διατήρησε τὸ ἀήττητο καὶ ἤρθε ἱ- σοπαλῆς ἐκτός ἐδρας ἀπὸ τὴν δυναμικὴ καὶ 2ῃ στὴν βαθμολογία RAAF μὲ I-I. Ἡ ἑλληνικὴ οὐμάδα προηγήθηκε στὸ 32' μὲ φάουλ τοῦ Χαϊτίδη καὶ δέχθηκε τὴν ἱσοφάριση στὸ 69'. Μετὰ τὸ I-I ἡ Ἐν. Ποντίων πρόσεξε πε ρισσότερο τὴν ἀμυνὰ τῆς. Ἀριστος ἦταν ὁ διαιτητὴς τῆς συνάντη- σης κ. ΔΟΥΓ ΓΟΥΚΣΧΑΥΚΣ βαθμοὶ 10. Μετὰ καὶ τὸ ἱσόπαλο ἀποτέλεσμα ἡ οὐμά- δα τοῦ Βασίλῃ Λέρη προηγεῖται στὴν βα- θμολογία μὲ 3 βαθμοὺς διαφορά. Ἡ σύνθεσις: Λέρης, Κοντογιωργάκης, Κώστα Γ. Φελεκίδης, Σ. Φελεκίδης, Μήλιος, Μανιά- τῆς (25' Αἰνιδάκης) Χαϊτίδης, Μπάκας, Καζά- κης (46' Ἰωσηφίδης) Μπακοπούλος.

ΝΕΟΣ ΘΡΙΑΜΒΟΣ ΤΗΣ Ν. ΕΛΛΑΔΣ

Ἀνώτερη ἡ Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ σὲ ὅλο τὸ διάστημα τοῦ ἀγῶνος, ἤρθε δίκαια τὴν νίκη ἀπὸ τὸ Χάιντελμπέρκ μὲ 4-2. Στὸ Α' ἱσλεπτό οἱ Χ'εμμανουήλ καὶ Σταυ- ρίδης ἐφταζαν στὸ σκόρ 2-0 καὶ στὸ 50 ὁ Γκέσιος κέρδισε πέναλτυ πού μετέτρε- πε σὲ τέρμα ὁ Σταυρίδης. Οἱ ἀντίπαλοι ἀπὸ σφάλματα τῆς ἀμύνης μείωσαν τὸ σκόρ σὲ 3-2 ἀλλὰ ὁ Πέτρας μὲ φάουλ γκολ στὸ 80' ἐφταξε τὸ τελί- κὸ 4-2. Ἀπὸ τὴν οὐμάδα τοῦ Τάκη Μανταράκη ξε- χώρισαν οἱ Σταυρίδης, Κωστόπουλος, Γκέ- σιος ἐνὼ πάλαιψαν καὶ οἱ Τανιανός - Δούνας. Ἡ σύνθεσις: Καρκαμούζης, Λαμπέτσος, Γαμ- βρέλης, Δούνας, Τανιανός, Γκέσιος, Κωστό- πουλος, Πέτρας, Σταυρίδης, Γαζαρίδης, Χ'εμμανουήλ.

ΜΑΛΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ: ΝΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΔΙΑΚΟΝΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΩΝΟΣ

Τὸ Μάλβερν Σίτυ εἶχε προηγήθει μὲ πέ- ναλτυ (Λιανάρκος) στὸ 20' ἐπὶ τοῦ Μπέν- λυ καὶ παρὰ τοῦ ὅτι τοῦ ἔλειπαν δύο βασικοὶ παίχτες του (Γεωργιάδης-Λιχοῦ- δης) ἦταν ἀνώτερο σὲ ὅλες του τῆς γραμ- μές. Στὸ 62' ὁμως καὶ μετὰ ἀπὸ ἓνα φάουλ, φίλαθλοι τῆς φιλοξενουμένης οὐμάδος ἐ- πετέθηκαν στοῦν διαιτητὴ καὶ τὸν γροθο- κέτησαν μὲ ἀποτέλεσμα νὰ διακόψει τὴν συνάντησιν ὑπὲρ τῆς ἑλληνικῆς μας οὐμά- δας. Ἡ σύνθεσις: Μακέν, Παπαδόπουλος, Β. Παλα- μάρας, Παπαϊωάννου, Λιανάρκος, Ρομπός, Σα- ματζῆς, Τσάμος, Σκαμάνγκας, Ζέρβας (46' Πα- παστεργιάδης) Ν. Παλαμάρας. Ἡ Β' οὐμάδα νίκησε μὲ 4-0.

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

JUNIOR SOCCER ACTION



SPIROS KARDAMITSIS (goalkeeper) born in Australia. Spiros plays for S/M Hellas in their 2nd Division Metro. team. Rep- honours U/14 and U/15 State squads.



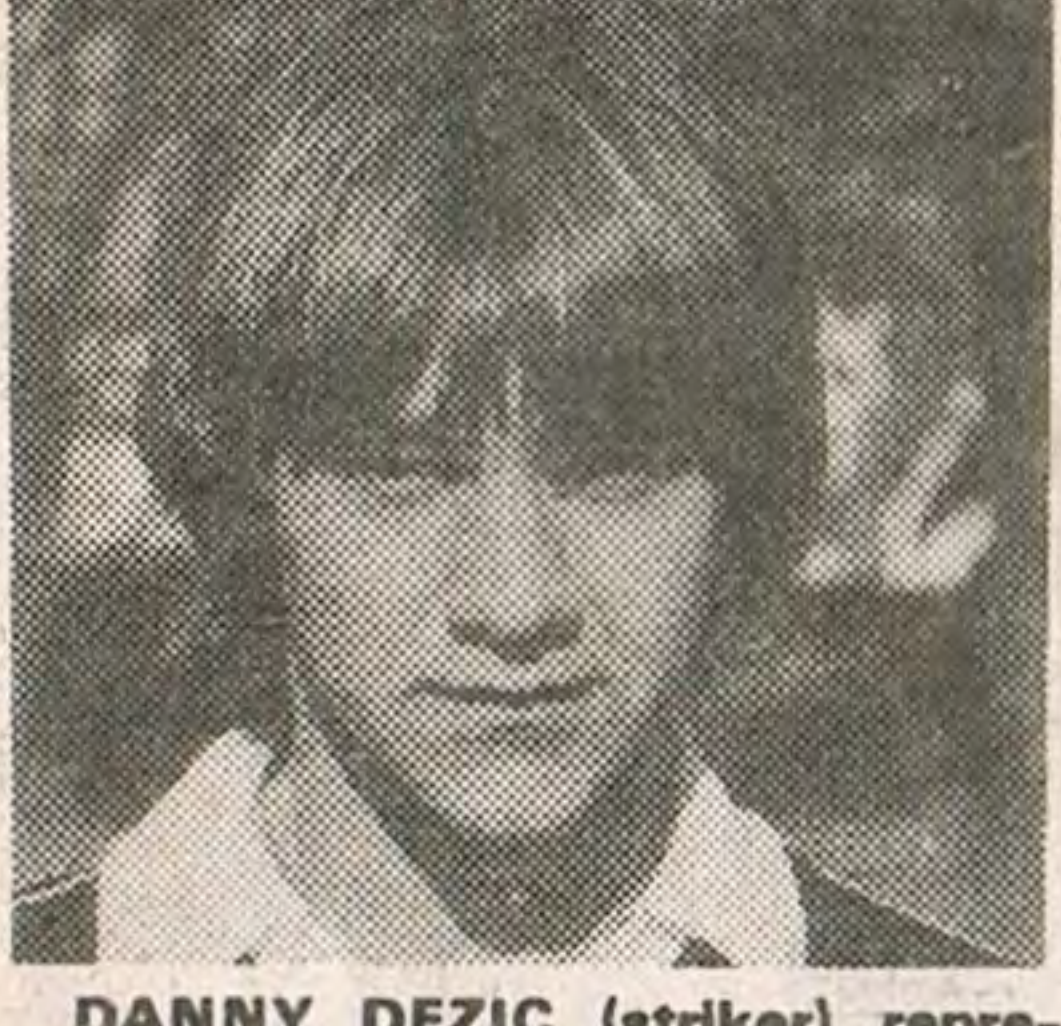
TONY OWEN (midfield) a member of the S/M Hellas 2nd Division Metro. team, Tony was captain of the 1979 U/14 State squad and was voted the "best U/14 player in Australia." He was also in this year's Victorian youth squad. Born in Australia.



GEORGE KALEGEROS (midfield) a fine player who plays for S/M Hellas in their 2nd Division Metro. team. Born in Australia.



PETER VARDAXIS (defender) plays soccer for S/M Hellas in their U/16 squad. Australian born.



DANNY DEZIC (striker) represented Victoria in the U/14 squad (1979) and plays regularly for Essendon Croatia in their Senior teams. Born in Australia.



PAUL BERANIC (defender) plays for Green Gully in their reserve team. A solid defender who played for Victoria in their U/14 and U/15 State teams. Born in Australia.



GEORGE RADMAN (defender) represented his State in the U/15 national championships and plays senior and junior soccer with Essendon Croatia. Australian born.



JOHN TIRRABASSI (defender) U/13, U/14 and U/15 State player, who plays for Sunshine Heights in their U/16 squad. Born in Australia.



MARCOS CABRERA (striker) plays senior soccer for Kellor Australia, and was a member of last year's U/15 State squad where he shared top scoring honours with Steve Gojevic. Born in South America.



RENO LIA (utility) this player's versatility has resulted in selection for the U/13, U/14 and U/15 State squads. His ability to play anywhere in a team, makes him a great asset. Australian born. CROYDON res. player.

• The boys pictured here are preparing to embark on a tour of New Zealand from August 22 to 29. They comprise the Victorian under 16 representative squad, coached by Leif Jensen and managed by VSF secretary George Wallace.



JOHN CAMPELL (midfield- sweeper) made regular appear- ances with Sunshine City's (State League) senior side, and represent- ed Victoria as an U/14 and U/15 player. Born in Australia.



STEVE GOJEVIC (striker) this tall striker played for Victoria in the U/14 and U/15 squads, and was top scorer at both these national championships. He is a regular member of the senior squad at Essendon Croatia. Born in Australia.



DAVID RODDIS (defender) a regular player in Knox City's senior squad (Metro 1) U/13, U/14 and U/15 State honours. Born in Eng- land.



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ANDREA ZINNI (striker) a very fast, goalscoring player. Has repre- sented Victoria as an U/13, U/14 and U/15 player. Plays for Port Mel- bourne in their U/16 team. Born in Australia.



PERRY STOGIANNIDIS (mid- field-striker) a fine player who plays for South Oakleigh in their senior teams. Born in Australia.



MARK PERREE (goalkeeper) U/13, U/14 and U/15 honours with Victoria. This player is now goalkeeping for Hakoah. Born in Australia.



EMANUEL VOLITAKIS (mid- field) a newcomer to the Victorian squad, who plays senior soccer for Sunshine City. Born in Australia.



With the Juniors,
by FRED BROOKS

Ian Petherick, the Victorian under 15 coach has finalised his squad for the national championships in Perth.

The manager of the squad is John Senior.

Thirty-five boys were in- vited to trials which were held over four weeks following the regional competitions. From these, 21 boys including one from the Bendigo Association have played in practice matches during the past six weeks.

Five of the boys in the selected squad are currently gain- ing experience in senior soccer playing regularly in met- ropolitan senior and reserve sides, several of the others play in under 16 competition.

As under 14s last year this squad won the national championships in Canberra so they have a high standard to maintain.

The squad is: P. Hrehoresen (Kellor), T. McMorrow (Al- bion R), A. Kotzamalichs (Port Melbourne), J. Gabrielson (Box Hill), C. Avian (Heidel- berg U), M. Stefanovic (Ham- lyn R), D. Ruccia (B. Juven- tus), J. Kanesoulis (South

Melb), A. Roadhouse (Box Hill), W. Cocking (Moorool- bark), D. Azzopardi (Nunawa- din G C), Nick van Egmond (Mornington), M. Tarundia (Box Hill), W. Spink (Dove- ton), M. Salvaggio (South Melbourne), R. Saitlik (Essendon Croatia)

Of the 48 boys chosen for State teams this year 13 come from the Eastern region, 12 from the Northern region 8 from the Western region and 5 from the central region. There are two country representa- tives, from Albury and Gee- long.

The only region not to have a State Rep is the Peninsula re- gion.

It was not so very long ago that Peninsula was very strong in junior soccer and boasted more than their share of State players. The coaching depart- ment of the J.L.M.C. and V.S.F. should have a look into why this is happening and try to find a remedy.

and we will forward the certificates free of charge.

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Lachlan Rowley, 9 (Waverley); Marko Ristevski, 11, four goals, Jim Panovski, 14, six goals, Danny Palar, 11, four goals, Con Trifon- dis, 14, (Lalor); Ronald O'Mara, 13, Darren Armitage, 14 (Seaford Utd); Zeljko Gagula, 12 (Essendon Croatia); Johnny Markovski, 11 (Sunshine C); Theo Toldis, 13 (Nu- nawading C); Paul Scullion, 12, Gary Dunn, 8, Warren Spink, 15, Terry Hagenmueller, 16, four goals (Doveton); Jack Lipari, 11, Marjan Hrkae, 11 (Essendon Croatia); Steve Goody, 12, (Gembrook); Chris Foudouils, 12, five goals; Michael Brian, 12, four goals (Ma-

Junior standings

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UNDER 11 DIVISION 2				
Maroubra	7	1	0	5 16
Sydney City B	5	1	3	8 15
Brothers	4	1	2	7 14
Mascot	4	1	1	3 11
Queens Park B	1	2	4	5 10
Randwick	1	4	2	4 20
Mascabi	2	4	1	11 3
St Spyridon	1	4	3	7 7
Sydney City C	0	7	0	1 49 2
UNDER 12 DIVISION 1				
Maroubra	7	1	0	31 16
Maroubra A	7	0	0	2 16
Maroubra B	4	4	1	22 13
Sydney City	3	5	1	16 37
St Spyridon	2	6	1	11 31
Kingsford B	0	7	1	25 1
UNDER 12 DIVISION 2				
Kensington	7	0	0	28 5 14
South America S	6	1	0	36 10 12
Maroubra A	4	3	0	24 7 8
Queens Park	3	2	1	17 16 8
Bondi Bombers	2	3	2	15 12 6
Maroubra B	1	5	1	4 28 3

Pagewood C	1	4	1	9 18 3
Kingsford C	0	6	0	37 2
UNDER 13 DIVISION 1				
Kingsford A	7	1	0	34 6 16
Kensington	5	2	1	28 5 13
Pagewood	5	2	1	35 4 13
St Spyridon	3	1	3	16 5 13
Maroubra	1	4	3	6 31 7
Kingsford B	0	6	1	0 53 5
Queens Park	1	6	1	6 21 5
UNDER 14 DIVISION 1				
Maroubra	5	0	1	16 3 17
Pagewood	6	1	0	33 2 16
Queens Park B	5	2	1	33 6 13
Mascot	4	0	1	12 10
Queens Park Whi	2	5	0	11 39 7
St Spyridon	2	5	1	11 39 7
Mascabi	0	7	0	4 41 2
Trasandines	0	0	0	0 0 0
UNDER 15 DIVISION 1				
Pagewood	6	1	0	42 19 16
Queens Park (16)	6	0	0	40 3 16
St Spyridon	2	3	0	11 27 8
Spanish A	1	4	0	9 17 6
Kingsford	0	7	0	5 41 4
Spanish (Withdr)	0	0	0	0 0 0

Junior of the week

Warren Spink, (pictured) of Doveton, is our Buffalo Sports Junior of the Week.

Warren is in his fourth season with Doveton and now plays for the U15 squad as a striker.

He has excellent ball skills and is deadly in front of goal. He has represented the Pen- insula Region and South Eastern Region in the Regional Championships and has been selected to represent Victoria at the National Championships in Perth this year.

'Chuka' (as he is known throughout the league) wants, one day, to represent Australia as a 'Socceroo'.

HAT-TRICK HEROES

The "Soccer Action" hat-trick diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup, interstate, or official school match. Friendly games do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:
1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more);
2. His age, and the team for which he plays;
3. The team against which he scored the goals;
4. Date of the game;
5. An address to which to send the certificate (Please use ONE address per club — secretary, coach, team manager or similar official, who will hand the certificates out to the boys.)

Send the information to: "Soccer Action", 603 Little Lonsdale Street, MELBOURNE, Vic.

kedonia); Jason Rennie, 10, five goals, Richard Ritter, 13, five goals (Eltham); Alex Kostogoul, 13, (Clifton Hill); I. Knez, 11 (Maidstone); Ian Summerfield, 10, (Balmarnock); Martin Ma, 13 (Fernette Gul- ly); Andrew Spittle, 10, Robert Cecchin, 7 (Ringwood Utd); Simon Phillips, 8 (TMCA Panthers); Frank Dellagrazia, 14, four goals, (Beaumaris); Carlos Martinez, 11, seven goals, Greg Kodrick, 11, (Footscray West Primary); David Klepac, 14 (Mooroolbark); Michael Tatnell, 14, nine goals, Warren Dyson, 14, Robert Low, 14, David Lee, 14 (Moe Utd); Mirko Cugura, 10, Anthony Smith, 10 (Springvale C); Matthew Marucci, 11, nine goals (Coburg North Primary); Paul Cybula, 11 (Swan Hill); Jes- mond Bartolo, 14, four goals (St. Paul's College); Zeljko Kezan, 14, five goals, Andy Avramousis, 15, four goals (Doncaster); Robert Cavalli, 12 (Fawkner); John Ka-

rahellos, 13, four goals (Brunswick C); Jaye Tompkins, Martin Kee- vers, 10, five goals, Simon Kennedy, 8, Robert Volpato, 8, four goals (All Saints Hunter's Hill); Alan Nicholls, 12, four goals, Laurence Scarborough, four goals (Moorool

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